

Spike in burglaries and anti-social behaviour fuels figures

CRIME IN AREA UP BY NEARLY A THIRD

Report by Nathan Briant

RECORDED crime has shot up by nearly a third in just a year in one area of Walsall, according to the latest figures.

Willenhall North and Short Heath saw an increase in all recorded crimes of 32.3 per cent in June, July and August this year compared to the same months in 2015.

A spike in burglaries in Willenhall town centre and anti-social behaviour centred in New Invention Square are two factors responsible for such a big escalation, police said.

Neighbouring ward Willenhall South saw an increase of just 0.75 per cent in June, July and August 2016 in comparison to those months in 2015.

Willenhall North's Councillor Adam Hicken said: "I'm not surprised by it. All these things happen and nothing seems to be being done. We had this problem about three, four years and it came down a couple of years ago and it seemed to be going OK. But it is making the area terrible.

Presence

"I am not happy with it and I am trying to get people together – but it's identifying people. You can't go after people unless you have evidence. The police usually have a presence but what is being done other than talking to some kids?"

"About three or four people contact me about crime [a week]. When I was first elected a year ago it was a much lower amount, maybe two a month."

Police said they have handed Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC) to seven youths and another will be given one later. As part of an ABC young people agree with their local authority and police not to be involved with acts of specified anti-social behaviour. They tend to last for six months and although they can be not binding, if they are breached they can be used as evidence in court.

Police Sergeant Harjinder Cheema said 'regular' home curfew patrols are being conducted and that 'youths appear to be abiding by the conditions'. As part of West Midlands Police's imminent restructure, Willenhall North, South and Short Heath officers will soon be united to make one crime-fighting team.

In an update given to the Willenhall and Short Heath area panel meeting, Sgt Kelvin Rowlands stated: "Walsall borough shows an increase of 3.7 per cent and we appear to be doing much better than Wolverhampton, which is showing an increase of 12.7 per cent."

KIDNEY PATIENT NEIL HAS HIS EYE ON GB SUCCESS



Neil Ash, aged 41, from Cheslyn Hay, who will be taking part in next year's World Transplant Games with the javelin

A MAN given a new lease of life after a kidney and pancreas transplant 15 years ago will compete for Great Britain for the first time next summer.

Father-of-three Neil Ash, from Cheslyn Hay, will travel to Spain next June to compete against other javelin and discus throwers at the World Transplant Games.

Mr Ash, now 41, was just 27 when type 1 diabetes meant he suffered kidney failure and had to undergo the extensive procedure in December 2001. Years later, helped by staff who had helped him recover and by wife, Donna,

38, the keen cricketer was encouraged to compete. He said: "After watching the London Olympics in 2012 I had a go at the British Transplant Games in Sheffield in 2013. I won a couple of medals and I have positioned better and better."

He won golds in the javelin at the British Transplant Games in NewcastleGateshead in 2015 and again this year in Liverpool.

Mr Ash, who works for Genting Casinos, added of his selection to compete for his country: "I didn't know what I thought at first about it but it's really exciting now."

And he said he was looking forward to taking his daughters, Alisha, 12, Amelia, four, and Esme, two, to Malaga to see their dad compete.

To raise funds to compete next year, Mr Ash is walking along the Cannock Chase's circular walk on October 2 and is looking for sponsorship.

On his fundraising page he states: "Every step I take will be in memory of my donor and to be thankful for the miracle of organ donation." To donate visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/NeilAsh123

EMERGENCY

More than 10 arson attacks over summer

MORE than 10 incidents of arson took place in Willenhall during the summer months, a report has revealed. Crews at Willenhall Community Fire Station responded to a total of 83 incidents between June and August.

Among the attendances were 10 arson rubbish fires, and one arson attack on a home.

Station Commander Mark Flanagan said: "There was no trend or correlation between incidents. Crews continue to educate school children, local clubs and have a targeted approach to drive down these incidents."

Crews were also called out to nine accidental home fires.

FOOTBALL

Saddlers' away kit is finally available

WALSALL FC's away kit is finally available to purchase in the club shop. The Saddlers unveiled their 2016-17 strips at the beginning of July and fans hoped to be able to get their hands on them before pre-season.



But there was a manufacturing delay with suppliers JD. Walsall FC said it was now in stock at the club shop at Banks's Stadium and they have received deliveries of socks for the home kit, while those who purchased the baby infant kit can now collect the socks for free with proof of purchase.

COLLISION

Inquest begins on tragic motorcyclist

AN inquest has opened on a 34-year-old biker who was killed in a collision with a delivery van this month. Lee Simon Marlow died after the crash in Pelsall at the junction of Norton Road and Vicarage Road at around 10.10pm on September 17.

The inquest at Oldbury coroner's court heard that Mr Marlow was married and lived on Broad Lane, Pelsall. He worked as a maintenance man and was born in Walsall.

The Black Country senior coroner's team leader Margaret Collins said: "At this stage it is thought the delivery van was turning right in the path of the motorcycle." The inquest was adjourned until November 11.

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Jail on hold for 6,000 child images man



Adrian Miles outside court

A MAN who had more than 6,000 indecent images of children stored on a laptop and USB drive avoided jail after a judge said it would be 'safer' for the public to offer him psychological help.

Adrian Miles, of Short Street, Darlaston, had 6,063 class C images, 42 class B images and 11 class A images stored on his computer and a USB drive, with police also discovering searches for photographs of underage 'pre-teen' children in his internet history.

Miles, 49, was arrested on September 29, 2015 after police were given a tip-off

and was given a 12-month prison sentence suspended for two years at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

He was also given a mental health treatment requirement of two years after the court learned he suffered from manic depression, as well as a rehabilitation requirement of 25 days, alongside a 10 year sexual harm prevention order, meaning he will have to ensure his internet history is available for viewing by police during that time.

He will also have to sign on to the sex offenders register for 10 years.

Prosecuting, Howard Searle, said: "Search terms including pre-teen naturists were discovered by police. Images were also stored on a USB stick and split into folders which were given titles such as Hotties One and Yummy 10."

Defence solicitor Arvind Sharma said: "Most will give excuses such as curiosity when their habits are discovered but the defendant has admitted that he has a problem with an attraction to children. It is the opinion of probation officers that this will make it easier for them to work with him."

Town among worst in the UK for empty shops

MORE than a quarter of shops in Walsall are sitting empty landing it in the top 10 worst towns in the country for vacant units.

Damning statistics from the Local Data Company (LDC) show the town is sixth with 27.6 per cent of shops out of business.

That has risen from 26.2 per cent last year when it was ranked ninth. It comes on the back of the town losing its iconic BHS store last month.

In reaction to the figures Walsall Council's business support chief Aftab Nawaz said: "Our regeneration teams are working hard to bring in big organisations to the town centre."

"There is excellent work going on at St Matthew's Quarter. The high street is challenging. Many people shop online, we need to recognise that and keep up with the trend. I think the public wants a traditional high street the way it used to be there many years ago but that is not going to come back."

"Patterns are changing and we need to be more innovative with bringing in the type of shops people will come to." Councillor Nawaz recently submitted proposal for a large Mecca Bingo hall on Park Street.

Regenerate

He added: "We need to try and get a more diverse mix of businesses. We do not want a high street full of gambling outlets. My view is this will ruin the town centre. "We need to look at bringing shops into Walsall to help regenerate the town."

Walsall has the highest proportion of empty shops in the Black Country. West Bromwich is almost as bad with 24.7 per cent of units empty, while Dudley has 23.1 per cent vacated units and Wolverhampton comes in at 21.8 per cent.

Stourbridge and Smethwick fair better with a vacancy rate of 15.5 per cent and 11.4 per cent respectively. Overall in the UK the proportion of empty shops has fallen from 13.3 per cent last year to 12.3 per cent.

Matthew Hopkinson director at the LDC said: "Growth slackened significantly in the half year leading up to the referendum at the end of June, taking the steam out of the gentle improvement in vacancy that has improved by 2.3per cent since 2011."

Mudn't it be good for Chloe's challenge



Chloe Griffiths, who is taking part in a fundraising mud challenge in memory of her father

THE daughter of a gas engineer from Walsall will be tackling a mud challenge in memory of her father.

Chloe Griffiths, aged 22, will be taking part in the St Giles Hospice mud challenge to raise money for the hospice, which cared for her father during his final weeks. Peter Griffiths died at the age of 46 in June this year.

Born in Birmingham, he worked as a gas engineer for Walsall Housing Group and was first diagnosed with tonsil cancer in 2014, but recovered after radiotherapy and chemotherapy. However, he found out that the cancer had spread to

his lungs in October 2015. Chloe, from Tamworth, said: "I saw how much difference St Giles Hospice made to my dad. He was so poorly in hospital but he improved so much in himself in the hospice that he could appreciate the time we had together."

"Although it might sound strange, being there with him was a lovely experience. I knew I had to give something back and raise some money for the hospice. The room was absolutely stunning and had a garden which we used to sit in when we came to see him until he lost the use of his legs."

Chloe, who is due to qualify as a nurse at the end of the year, has set up a justgiving page to raise money for St Giles as part of the Mud Challenge and hopes to enlist some of her nursing friends to take part too.

To sponsor her, visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chloe-griffiths

The mud challenge, which offers 5km or 10km options, is taking place on Sunday October 9 at Cliff Lakes Waterpark in Tamworth. More information is available at www.stgileshospice.com/mudchallenge

Phone fines cash should help police: Jamieson

INCREASED fines from motorists using mobile phones behind the wheel should be given to police forces, the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner has said.

David Jamieson, who as minister for road safety a decade ago first introduced fines for the offence, says the money raised should be ploughed back into road safety projects.

He has written to Transport Secretary Chris Grayling over the issues after fines for motorists using mobile phones while driving were doubled to £200. He warned that the force's attempts to enforce the law will be hindered by lack of funds and resources.

He wrote: "I would ask that you work with your colleagues at the Home Office and Treasury to recognise that further cuts to our police force will cripple its capacity to enforce the Department for Transport's commendable new measures."

"Furthermore, enforcement would be aided by the redirection of penalty fine proceeds to local police forces for the purpose of enforcement of road safety measures, in the same way that fines yielded from speed camera detections were between 2001 and 2010. These funds could be ring-fenced for road safety, so that offenders pay for enforcement instead of tax payers."

Under the stricter measures, newly qualified drivers, who have a ceiling of six points for their first two years on the road, could immediately lose their licence if they are caught.

Emergency call as cable is cut

EMERGENCY services were called to Walsall after an electrical cable was cut.

West Midlands Police and a crew from Fallings Park Fire Station's green watch attended the scene at Lichfield Road, New Invention on Sunday morning.

The crew, who were called at 9.26am by the police, made the area safe before calling for a specialist engineer from Highways England to attend.

They had left the scene by 10am.

A spokeswoman for WMFS said: "We got the call at 9.26am from the police. The incident involved an electrical cable by a bridge which had been cut."

"One crew from Fallings Park attended."

"They cordoned the area off and called for an engineer from Highways England. "They left the scene at 9.53am."

Police 'on top of' unruly behaviour

POLICE believe they are successfully tackling anti-social behaviour issues at a shopping precinct.

New Invention Square in Willenhall has been hit by young vandals and dangerous cyclists in recent months, however police have dished out seven

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Fire service braced for a flood of job replies

SIXTY firefighters are being recruited by West Midlands Fire Service with bosses braced for an avalanche of applications.

More than 3,600 people applied for 50 posts when the service last recruited in January 2015. This time, the jobs will be given only to candidates living in the West Midlands area in a bid to boost the local economy.

The jobs are largely replacements for firefighters who have retired or are coming up to retirement age.

Tristan Dugdale-Pointin, quality and diversity adviser to West Midlands Fire Service, said: "It is really good to be recruiting again. We are expecting many thousands of people to apply."

Applications for the 60 posts open on October 3. Candidates must be at least 17-and-a-half at the time they apply and will have two weeks to sign up. For the first time applicants should have at least GCSE grade C, or its equivalent, in maths and English and live within the West Midlands Fire Service area.

Service chiefs they want to reflect the local community as much as possible and be actively encouraging applications from female candidates and from members of the black, Asian and ethnic minority communities.

Practical tests for those successful at the online stage will be in early November with successful applicants going through for interview in December.

For more details, contact DICE@wmfs.net or call 0121 380 6239.

Council staff down by fifth

THE number of Walsall Council employees has been cut by over a fifth since 2010 – with more staff expected to be axed. Restructuring across departments is ongoing and the number of senior and middle managers will further decrease, according to a report to the council.

The figures in the public documents set to be discussed at an audit committee meeting show the council employed 3,726 staff in 2010.

But now that number is 2,921.

A report states: "There appears to be an apparent dissonance between the acknowledgement that service design, delivery and scale have and will continue to change and the expectation that somehow the council will maintain long standing approaches and service levels."

"This will need ongoing attention both within the council and in order to ensure that the scale of the change is understood by the people of Walsall."

The issue of senior and middle managers leaving the authority is also raised in the papers, with it being admitted that their departures are forcing people to be put in charge of services that they have not previously been involved with.

Saddlers back charity's campaign



Players with centre, Aimee Newman

WALSALL FC stars teamed up with a charity to talk to schoolchildren about how to report child abuse as part of a special campaign.

The Saddlers' goalkeeper Neil Etheridge and midfielder George Dobson met Year 6 pupils at Lower Farm Primary School in Bloxwich to talk about the NSPCC's Speak Out Stay Safe campaign. That looks to teach children between four to 11 about sexual, emotional and physical abuse.

The charity wants to speak to another 1.5 million children around the UK before the end of the current

school year. On-loan starlet George Dobson said: "Some children are not fortunate enough to be brought up being told about bullying or get set the wrong example at home. It's great that the NSPCC are helping children to understand how to keep themselves safe."

And Neil Etheridge said: "It's great to make children aware of how to keep themselves safe – we had nothing like this when I was at school. Childline is another great outlet for these kids who need an opinion or reassurance." Lower Farm headteacher Sarah

Milner said: "Our priorities as a school are to maintain effective safeguarding procedures and ensure children have the knowledge to protect themselves in the world."

West Midlands Police statistics from 2014/15 showed there were 1,265 child sex offences reported – more than three a day. Of those, 81 per cent involved girls. Schools can request a visit by calling Stephanie Lively on 07815 522797 or visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/working-with-schools/contact-child-line-schools-service>.

Pupils missing school time following changes

SCHOOLCHILDREN with special educational needs are missing out on vital school time due to route changes for a council-provided transport service, say parents.

Pupils who travel to specialist dyslexic school Maple Hayes Hall in Lichfield were told one week prior to the start of the new year that instead of the council providing two services to collect the five children – three from Willenhall, another from Great Barr and one from Aldridge – only one would be provided.

Aldridge father Ken Upton, whose daughter Sophie, 12, attends Maple Hayes Hall said pupils have arrived frequently late to classes because of the move. She is the last pupil to be picked up on the new, longer route from her home on Westbrook Avenue. He said: "In the space of one week, there has been three separate vehicles and three separate drivers all of whom have told the families that the route cannot be done within the time stipulated by the council."

While Jenny Fletcher, mum of Sophie, said: "All Walsall Council is doing is cost-cutting. They don't care about the children, the emotions of the children. The journey needs splitting in two. They blame the fog, they blame the fact that there is a new driver but every day they are late. The journey simply does not work. We told them it was physically impossible."

She added Sophie had felt especially uncomfortable arriving to school on the first day of the new year late.

Mrs Fletcher, of Birchtree Hollow, Willenhall, explained how on one occasion a taxi driver took a detour onto the M6 to try to get the children back home as soon as possible and then got stuck in traffic. She added: "He was just trying to make the time up so the children didn't arrive home late."

Mealey Longmore, 11, is said to be struggling by mum Lisa Longmore because of the time he spends in the taxi, brought on by the long journeys to and from school.

Mrs Longmore, of Seaford Grove in Willenhall, said: "By the time he's had his shower and had tea he's just shattered."

Andrea Potts, Walsall Council's children's services assistant director, said: "We understand the concerns of the children's families and are undertaking an urgent review."

Cenotaph drinking issue 'difficult'



The cenotaph, which stands on the site where a bomb from the Zeppelin Raids of January 1916 struck

DESECRATING a war memorial with drunken behaviour is 'shameful' but it is a difficult problem to tackle. That is the view of town centre boss Councillor Afab Nawaz, who represents the St Matthews area and is responsible for business support in Walsall.

On Wednesday a middle-aged man was photographed taking a drink-fuelled nap at the cenotaph at Bradford Place prompting outrage from passers-by. But bus drivers, who regularly pass the monument located opposite some of the town's major stops, have claimed it is a regular occurrence and have demanded action.

Councillor Nawaz said: "Street-drinking is a major prob-



The Twitter picture of the man in my ward, particularly Caldmore and now it is coming down into the town centre

"The cenotaph is a sacred place which should be respected, to see

people disrespecting such a place like that is absolutely awful, shameful." But Councillor Nawaz stated despite the authority having the necessary orders in place to deter drinking at the spot it was a difficult issue to eradicate.

He added: "We have got those orders in place throughout the borough but it comes down to two things. Firstly you have got to catch the person in the act but then you have to serve them a notice telling them not to drink there. You can imagine someone intoxicated is not going to be able to understand what you are serving them." The cenotaph was installed on October 1, 1921.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Police in CCTV bid on robbery

AN appeal to catch a man who raided a bookies in the Walsall borough has been relaunched. West Midlands Police are appealing after a man walked into Bedford Bookies in Elizabeth Avenue with what appeared to be a handgun and threatened staff.



The suspect

The incident took place at 9.20pm on July 13. He stole a small amount of cash and left before police were called.

Detectives are keen for anyone who recognises the suspect, or has information to contact Det Con Dave Carless at Walsall Police Station on 101.

Burglaries spark residents' alert

POLICE have warned residents in Blakenall to be on their guard after a spate of house burglaries. Officers from the neighbourhood police team say the burglaries have taken place in the early hours of the morning.

Acting sergeant Gemma Griffith, of the Blakenall neighbourhood police team, said: "There have been a spate of house burglaries this last month."

"They have mainly occurred in the early hours of the morning through insecure windows at the rear of properties. Police have made some progress in identifying suspects but again any information the public may have would be of great value."

Backbenchers fear by Winnick

A BLACK Country MP has warned that proposed boundary changes could see independently-minded backbenchers vanish from the Commons.

The Labour Walsall North MP's seat is one of six West Midlands' constituencies under threat by proposals.

He said the changes would mean that MPs 'who tend to be more independent-minded', and be 'openly critical at times of their own Government', will be much fewer in a Commons of 600. "It would, I think, be a loss to Parliament if this turned out to be the case," he said.

Closure pub had visits by police

A PUB which closed suddenly had been visited by police dozens of times of the past few years, it has been revealed.

Officers were called to the Red Admiral, in Green Barr, a total of 35 times since 2007. The pub, in Gorse Farm Road, was recently sold for around half a million pounds after closing without warning.

It has been boarded up amid rumours it could be turned into a day nursery.

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THERE is a cynical old saying in journalism that bad news is good news. For Remoaners, however, it works the other way: good news is bad news. And this week's think-tank report showing Britain is doing fine after the Brexit vote is the worst of all news. The bad-loser tendency is now clutching to the straw that, if Armageddon has not yet happened, it will soon, just you wait and see. As one contributor to the Guardian website puts it lyrically: "What is their world if it does not have a sky that is forever imminently falling?"

WE were in Yorkshire this week to meet up with the extended family and pay tribute to a relative, Private Alvin Smith, who was killed in the Battle of the Somme exactly 100 years ago, aged just 20. The event was neither showy nor maudlin, just the laying of a posy and a photograph at the village war memorial. And if 100 years seems a long time ago, consider this: The population is growing older and the number of centenarians increases by hundreds every year. Believe it or not, there are more than 14,000 British people alive today who were alive in September 1916 when Private Smith was alive. Not so long ago, after all.

OUR trip to Yorkshire caught one of those wonderful Indian summer weekends. The Dales shimmered in the heat and canalside Skipton was as pretty as a little Venice and nowhere near as smelly.



We stayed in a cottage by a swing-bridge on the Leeds & Liverpool canal and sipped chilled wine in a grime-stained stone courtyard as the narrowboats bumbled by. What is it about boats? The moment people climb aboard they start waving at other people. If you were both on solid ground and this close, folk would think you mad. But bring a boat into the equation and the waving begins. Coosey! Most odd.

A REVIEW carried out by the BBC shows that its journalists are paid up to 40 per cent more than those working for commercial competitors. No surprises there. The rivals have to earn their money while Auntie Beeb gets an annual bung of £4,000 million from the public purse. It's easy to be generous with other people's money.

THERE were too many idiotic driving moments to report them all but for sheer style the lorry driver who stopped, swung his wheel over and performed a three-point turn on the Skipton by-pass, blocking both lanes as the traffic slithered to a halt.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Religious school told to improve

A CHRISTIAN school in Walsall has been told it requires improvement by education bosses.

In an inspection report, Ofsted said teachers at Emmanuel School, on Wolverhampton Road, 'have not had sufficient training to improve their teaching and leadership skills or to establish a common understanding of what a good school looks like'.

It added a number of children

did not take pride in their work or turned up to school late.

The religious school, which says on its website it 'exists to bring glory to God', teaches some 150 pupils between the ages of three and 16.

Its leadership, quality of teaching, welfare and early years provision were all given a requires improvement rating. The findings were released following a visit in July by

two inspectors. David Rzezniak and Elizabeth Martin-Ellis found pupil progress was not being tracked effectively, teachers were not challenging pupils enough, spelling, punctuation, handwriting and presentation skills in years one to six were not good enough and low-level disruption in classes was not being stopped.

But they praised the school for its 'rigorous and effective' safeguarding

of the pupils and said they were 'very well cared for'.

Emmanuel school opened in 1996 and moved to its current premises in September 2011. Despite being a Christian school they will admit pupils of a different faith or of no faith, providing their parents agree to the school's Christian ethos and biblical teaching. The school was unavailable for comment.

£9m rise in settlements paid out by health trust

THE trust which runs Walsall Manor Hospital paid out £15.2million to compensate for mistakes in the last financial year – up more than £9million on the year before.

The payments made by Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust in 2015/16 include damages as well as legal costs. The year before it paid out £6.1m. Bosses put the sharp rise down to 'four large settlements'.

Medical director Mr Amir Khan said: "We always aim to provide a first class service to our patients. On rare occasions, the care is found to be unacceptable and not of our usual high standard. This allows us to learn lessons to make significant improvements where needed."

The figures have been published by the NHS Litigation Authority, which manages negligence claims against the NHS in England.

Out of £15.2m paid out last year, £3.9m went toward claimant legal costs. The trust spent £910,350 on defence costs. It left £10.5m for compensation paid out to patients, relatives or staff.

Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust, which runs Sandwell Hospital, spent £14.4million in costs and damages in 2015/16, rising by £9.5m from 2014/15.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, which runs New Cross Hospital, saw a reduction of around £5.5m on 2015/16, and the Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Russells Hall Hospital saw a decrease of nearly £2.5m.

M6 crashes see women treated

TWO women were taken to hospital after being involved in separate crashes on the M6 near Walsall in the space of 30 minutes.

The first incident, which happened just before 10.28am last Thursday, saw a 4x4 vehicle collide with an HGV lorry on the M6 southbound between J9 and J10.

A woman in her 50s was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital with minor pain. She was treated by an off-duty paramedic. West Midlands Fire Service were also in attendance.

A spokesperson said: "We received a call at 10.36am from Highways England. Two crews from Walsall attended the incident. It involved a road traffic collision with a heavy goods vehicle and a private motor vehicle.

"No-one was trapped but one casualty from the car was assessed by the ambulance service and taken to hospital."

Less than half an hour later, another woman, aged 58, was also taken to Walsall Manor Hospital after her car had collided with a delivery van on the same junction as it merged onto the Black Country Route. The fire service removed the roof of the car to rescue the trapped woman. The incident happened just before 11am.

Worker told to repay £12k stolen for drugs

Report by Nathan Briant

A BURNTWOOD woman whose £500-a-week cocaine habit spiralled so far out control that she stole almost £13,000 from two employers has avoided a jail term – but will have to repay every penny.

Emma Hasler stole from companies that had trusted her to look after their books as she lived her unsustainable and lavish party lifestyle at weekends.

In desperation she took £8,834.40 from Rugeley-based Kribensis Leisure Contracts between January and May in 2015 and another £4,054.91 from Bromley Hays, based in Abbots Bromley, in September 2015.

She had worked for Kribensis for three years before she starting taking funds but it only took weeks to do so during her time at Bromley Hays, taking £12,889.31 in total. Her theft from Kribensis was a 'contributing factor' to its eventual collapse, Cannock Magistrates Court heard. And a victim impact statement from a project manager in the company said they would never be able to fully trust anyone again..

Probation officer Dean Neville told magistrates that Hasler, aged 28, had told him she was 'gutted, embarrassed and ashamed' about her crimes and the impact on her family.

He said Hasler, of Chase Road, had told him that she has used cocaine once since last Christmas – four weeks ago when she received her court summons. Hasler told him that her use of the class A drug and heavy drinking could be traced back to September 2014 when she split up with her boyfriend.

The court was told that from her £1,200 monthly salary, £450 is spent on repaying debts of about £20,000. They have been racked up by spending in catalogues and taking out loans.

She was unrepresented in court but when asked whether she wanted to add anything to her case, she wept. Magistrates told Hasler she had committed a 'high breach of trust' and sentenced her to 12 months in prison, suspended for 12 months. She must also undertake a rehabilitation activity requirement of 20 days and complete 100 hours of unpaid work.

She must also pay a £115 victim surcharge and £135 costs and therefore will need to pay back a total of £13,139.31. She will pay that back at a rate of £100 a month. Payments will start within 14 days.

Hundreds on jobs trail at fair



Russ Leeds, from Non Stop Kids, who was looking for entertainers at the jobs fair at Walsall College

HUNDREDS of people attended a special jobs fair in Walsall – the biggest turnout for one in the town for years.

The event was arranged by Walsall Council's Walsall Works group in conjunction with the JobCentre and Walsall College, which hosted it in its Hub.

A Walsall Council spokeswoman said: "804 residents turned up. It was a big one, the biggest jobs fair we have seen for years. There were 40 local employers and eight training providers. They have got a route of different jobs which they would like to recruit for."

All attendees were invited to attend after appointments at the JobCentre. The spokeswoman added:

"The event was a key driver to attract clients who are eligible – and aged 16 to 29 who are NEET or unemployed – to register onto our new Youth Employment Initiative programme called IMPACT and there were 10 employment advisers from the council to handhold clients at the event."

Walsall Works said it has supported more than 1,000 young people since it was founded in 2012 and that in 2015/16 17 companies filled 72 vacancies with its help.

Stall holders included Homebase, Ladbroke's, the Army and Walsall Housing Group.

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Family heartbreak over loss of cyclist

A CYCLIST who died following a crash in Streety has been named as Daniel Horton, aged 13. He was hit by a red Kia Rio on Chester Road at around 12.30am on September 16 and died the next day in hospital.

Paying tribute, a statement released by the family says: "We are heartbroken to lose our Dan, he was confident, caring, funny, and loved by everyone he met."

The 25-year-old driver of the car was arrested on suspicion of causing serious injury by dangerous driving and has been released on police bail.

Multiple occupant home bid lodged

A FIVE-bedroom home in Walsall town centre could be turned into a house of multiple occupancy.

The house in Rowley Street would provide six bedrooms for 10 people.

An application has been submitted to Walsall Council and will be decided on in the coming weeks.

Houses of multiple occupancy are commonly seen as the answer to housing shortages in towns and cities.

Last year figures revealed there were 2,835 empty homes in the Walsall borough, but 8,644 people are on the waiting list for social housing.

Village vets is raided again

A VETS has been broken into for the second time in just over a month. 387 Veterinary Centre in Great Wyrley was burgled in the early hours of last Wednesday.

Nothing was taken but staff at the practice on Walsall Road believe thieves were targeting a safe, which was taken in a burglary on August 12 but not replaced. Staffordshire Police has not stated whether it was linked to the previous raid and urged anyone with information to call 101.

House raiders make off with jewellery

JEWELLERY was stolen when a house in Great Wyrley was burgled.

Thieves forced their way into a home in Walsall Road before making an untidy search and making off with the valuables.

The raid happened sometime between 11am and 3pm on Monday, September 19.

Staffordshire Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident, to call 101 quoting incident number 547 of September 19.

Strangers' Brum date

PUNK rock veterans the Strangers will be playing in Birmingham in the new year. The group will begin a 19-date tour in March and visits the O2 Academy in Horsefear on March 18.

Special guests for the tour are London dub rockers Ruts DC. The Strangers have had 23 UK top 40 singles.

Support for scheme set up for sex crime victims

MORE than 3,400 rapes or serious sexual assaults were committed in the West Midlands last year, prompting a new support scheme for victims.

The figure equates to nine crimes a day – so far this year there have been a further 2,624 sexual violence cases.

Public and voluntary organisations under the banner of the West Midlands Preventing Violence Against Vulnerable People Governance Board have worked together to produce a new set of standards to protect and support of victims.

West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said: "These crimes have a devastating effect on victims, who deserve the upmost support and understanding."

"More people are coming forward to report such horrific offences and I believe that is a sign of improved confidence in the police and support services on offer."

"However, there is always more to be done and ways to improve and these standards are part of that drive to be better."

The standards detail what services should be delivered and how. They also set out the minimum level of support and understanding a victim should expect from whichever agency they turn to.

The standards include projects with young people in schools and youth groups to learn about healthy relationships, respect and equality. They also send out a clear message that it is always the perpetrator who is to blame and never the victim.

More tributes on paramedic death

MORE tributes have continued to pour in for Walsall paramedic Thomas Hodgson found in the sea in Devon.

Mr Hodgson, aged 42, was spotted by a fisherman on after going missing when rowing towards his yacht in Brixham. He worked as a paramedic for West Midlands Ambulance Service based in Willenhall and colleagues have paid their respects to 'one of our good guys'.

Boris Worrall said: "Miss you Tom. Such a lovely guy. Rest in Peace". Neil G added: "RIP thoughts with family, friends and colleagues", while a third Twitter user said: "So very sad, one of our good guys, taken to soon. RIP Tom, you will be missed."

Mr Hodgson's family described him as a 'passionate man'.

Spooky stroll around reserve

A HALLOWEEN spooky stroll takes place at Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's HQ at the Wolsley Centre, near Rugeley, starting at 6pm on October 28. It costs £10 for each child and places can be booked on 01889 880100.

Ellie touches down after Games success



Ellie Simmonds arrives at Heathrow

WALSALL'S Paralympic hero Ellie Simmonds touched down back in the UK as Team GB received a heroes welcome.

The 21-year-old won the 200m medley with a new world record and took home a bronze medal in the 400m freestyle.

Members of the Paralympics team were greeted by flag-waving fans at Heathrow Airport after their hugely successful Rio Games.

Ellie, from Aldridge, missed out on adding to her medal collection when she finished fourth in the S6 100m

breaststroke final. After landing, she said she was looking forward to 'chilling out' and 'eating nice food'.

"It's so nice to be back home and to see what's happened because when we were out there I was off social media and just focusing on the games and you don't know what's happening."

Pyjamas

"I thought London was amazing, having the reception there, but today its been really good."

"I'm looking forward to getting back to normality and wearing pyja-

mas, eating nice food and chilling and relaxing. "And catching up on sleep for sure!"

Britain confirmed its place as a sporting powerhouse by coming second in both the Olympic and Paralympic medal tables.

The team will join Britain's Olympic athletes for a parade in Manchester on October 17 to celebrate their 2016 Games success.

It will be followed by a grand celebration in London the following day.

Ellie was just 13 when she won her first medal back at Beijing in 2008.

Leader makes pledge to press for rail link

A LONG-awaited passenger rail link between Wolverhampton and Walsall is achievable according to a council leader. Walsall Council's Sean Coughlan says he will make it his task to get the line reopened.

His comments come as the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership outlined plans to apply for £29 million of funding for the scheme over the next five years.

The rail link was revived in 1998, but withdrawn in 2008.

It is now used only for freight, which means passengers wanting to travel between the two places have to go via Birmingham New Street.

But there are plans to reopen the line with two new stations at James Bridge in Darlaston and Willenhall. Land has also been acquired for a station at Willenhall, off Rose Hill.

Councillor Coughlan said: "I believe it is a realistic proposal. It is something that as leader of the council I will pursue."

He added: "The link was withdrawn a few years ago, but with new stations along the line including in Willenhall, I believe it would have the passenger demand to warrant it."

Important

"We have been told that Walsall will get a direct line to London. I think it is important people from Willenhall can also have a link to this."

"Not only would it assist the economy and regeneration of our area but it would also be good for residents who want to avoid the roads and use the railway."

Funding applied for by the Black Country LEP would come in stages over the next five years, starting with £250,000 this financial year. While the LEP will ask for the funding, it would be officers in Black Country councils who would carry out the work, starting with drawing up designs for the two new stations.

A location has not yet been chosen for a station in James Bridge. Councillor Coughlan is also pushing for Metro extensions to Willenhall.

A West Midlands Combined Authority spokesman said: "Walsall Council is leading on a study into rail services between Walsall and Wolverhampton which will identify overall investment requirement for a regular interval rail service."

"This may in the future influence the investment strategy for local enterprise partnership and West Midlands Combined Authority."

Bowie's destination dream fulfilled



Front, John Caudwell, Bowie, Sgt Steve Marsh. Back, Ellie and Bekki and a police escort rider

A WALSALL mother made a 70-mile round trip to Stoke-on-Trent to personally thank a team of police fundraisers, and the Caudwell Children charity for helping to fund a once-in-a-lifetime holiday to Disney World for her son.

Four-year-old Bowie Rix has Bohring-opitz syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that has left him unable to walk or communicate.

Mother Bekki applied for a place on Caudwell Children's an-

nual Destination Dreams holiday to the Florida resort. The charity, founded by John Caudwell, the Birmingham-born entrepreneur and philanthropist, created Destination Dreams in 2007 to give children with life threatening illnesses the opportunity to experience a 'dream' family holiday.

This month, a team of 19 police officers from Staffordshire Police completed a 500-mile charity cycling challenge, across Europe,

to raise funds for the trip. When Bekki – who also has a 13-year-old daughter Ellie – learned of their efforts she felt compelled to attend the homecoming.

She said: "When we were offered a place on Destination Dreams we were overjoyed and the thought that these police officers have put their bodies on the line to help pay for us to get on that plane to Florida, is simply overwhelming."

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



I'm saddled with wrong impression of cyclists

TABLOID indignation, don't you just love it? In its big splash about the undercover sting on Sam Allardyce, The Sun's front-page headline revealed that the new England manager had mocked his predecessor Roy Hodgson over a speech impediment, referring to him as 'Woy'.

If it's true, it doesn't reflect well on Black Country lad Allardyce.

But remind me, how did The Sun reveal Hodgson's appointment as England manager back in 2012? Oh, yes, that's right. In a giant front-page headline, the paper announced: "It's Woy".

AFTER decades of banning imports, the Argentinians have suddenly declared they are open for business and ready to trade with us.

Apparently, there is a big demand over there for our tea. Don't know why, but I'm not really convinced the natives of Buenos Aires are ready to start their day with a mug of English breakfast tea.

They'll just change the name and claim it was theirs all along.

IN the crucible of informed and reasoned debate that is Twitter – only joking – it seems my comments about bad bike riders have led to a few angry cyclists getting their Lycra in a twist.

The best one labelled me a "trollumnist", which I thought was rather good. Others, mostly from other parts of the country, were less erudite.

Some are under the impression that I (a) dislike cyclists, and (b) defend inconsiderate driving.

They are both wrong. Actually, I thought I was on pretty solid ground because a friend, a responsible cyclist, complained about idiots who jump red lights giving him a bad name.

It's funny, but the only other time this column provoked any Twitter indignation was when it suggested there was no need to change pavement-parking laws.

I didn't think that was controversial either, but again, it was militant cyclists who got the hump.

Looking at the Twitter profiles, it seems pedal-pushers fall into two categories.

The vast majority are ordinary people who simply enjoy their hobby and want to get along with other road users.

Then there are those angry-looking men in big goggles who don't see cycling as a hobby, but as a cause, a movement.

Their Twitter feed is packed with photos of errant van drivers and traffic-management schemes. They don't seem to be enjoying themselves.

I think the gist of their message is that cycling is virtuous, to be encouraged at all costs, and that there are never bad cyclists, only bad drivers.

I've seen a fair few of both over the years, and don't have much sympathy with either.



With a Heart of England in Bloom award is Halesowen in Bloom chair Eve O'Connor



All smiles as Halesowen in Bloom win the Gold-Urban Community award

Flower power blooms with awards galore

It's a time for celebrations for the golden stars of the Heart of England competition, as Judith Hawkins reports

SO many towns, parks and pubs in the Black Country are celebrating floral success, the region should perhaps be renamed the Blooming Country.

No less than a dozen places star in this year's Heart of England in Bloom competition.

Towns and pubs in Staffordshire and Worcestershire also picked up gongs at the event hosted by Walsall Council.

There were a total of 220 delegates from villages, towns and urban communities attending the presentation in the Church Rooms of the Parish Church of Aldridge.

Also there were 43 entrants in the hotel and pub grounds category and 18 from parks, cemeteries and crematoriums.

Effort

Chairman of Heart of England in Bloom, Roger Bache stated "Entrants give a lot of time and effort to make where they live and work a nicer, safer place to be and are very proud when they receive their prestigious awards."

Heart of England in Bloom is the regional element of the Britain in Bloom Campaign organised by the Royal Horticultural Society, RHS, which encourages communities to work together to improve and enhance their local environment.

For the second time Halesowen was among the gold award winners.

Eve O'Connor, chairman of Halesowen in Bloom, hailed the help of community volunteers in Halesowen's bid to securing the top prize. She said: "Everybody put a lot of hard work into getting the award, and a lot of vol-



Aldridge goes through to the Britain in Bloom finals after getting gold

unteers contributed to getting the gold by doing all sorts of jobs throughout Halesowen to ensure we achieved the mark.

"Volunteers constructed a 20ft narrow boat, which will now reside in the town for a number of years for people to enjoy. It was a blooming show stopper for us."

"It was a community competition, everyone worked together and it was like glue, bringing everybody together."

Meanwhile it was double success for Stafford in the parks category. Victoria Park

claimed a silver while Stonefield Park earned a silver-gilt.

Borough councillor Mike Smith, cabinet member for leisure, said: "This is a fantastic achievement. A tremendous amount of hard work is put in to ensure our parks rank among the very best in the country."

Among the other winners in the villages, towns, urban communities and cities categories was Aldridge which was named winners in its respective categories.

Gold winners included Bridgnorth, Brown-

hills, Halesowen and Stone. Silver-gilt honours went to Lichfield, Bloxwich, Colwich & Little Haywood, Darlaston, Great Haywood and Willenhall. Amblecote and Wednesfield both took home silver awards.

In the parks, cemeteries and crematoriums categories, Bridgnorth Cemetery and Castle Grounds also in Bridgnorth both earned a gold, alongside the success seen in Stafford.

There was a long list of winners in the hotel and pub grounds category.

Gold went to Lime Contemporary Indian Cuisine in Sedgley, Hogarths Stone Manor in Kidderminster, The Billiard Hall in West Bromwich, The Bloxwich Showman, The Britannia, Rowley Regis, The Clifton in Sedgley, The Lamp Restaurant & Bar in Wednesbury, The Moon Under Water, in Wolverhampton and Bridgnorth's The Old Castle Inn.

The Red Lion in Little Haywood and The Royal Tiger in Wednesfield celebrated silver-gilts, while The George Hotel in Bewdley was awarded a silver.

Proud

Following the Heart of England in Bloom competition, overall winners in each category go through to the national finals, also held by the Royal Horticultural Society.

Other category winners were Biddulph in Staffordshire which won in the large town group. Birmingham City Council won in the large city band. Newcastle-under-Lyme won in the small city band. Studley in Warwickshire won in the small town group, Uttroter won in the town category.

Upton-upon-Severn in Worcestershire picked up gold in the large village category.

It has also been a proud month for gardeners, allotment keepers, and green fingered residents as hundreds had their work recognised at another awards ceremony – the Heart of England in Bloom and Royal Horticultural Society's It's Your Neighbourhood Awards held in Ludlow.

Groups in Albrighton, Shrewsbury and Telford bagged recognition among the 142 groups and projects across the Midlands.

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Shock of appalling primary schools' results

READING the article in the Chronicle on Ofsted's figures for Walsall primary schools, I was shocked by the appalling results. Only 46 per cent of the girls and 42 per cent of the boys reach the Ofsted standards for reading, writing and basic maths.

We, the electorate, and those we elect, should be thoroughly ashamed of these figures. In commerce and manufacturing, with such results, we would be out of business. All of us, the older generation and parents are shirking our responsibilities. What will be the use of moving these youngsters

through to middle school and so-called higher education, when more than half will have difficulties to begin to have any understanding, lacking the basic communication skills.

Further, they will be taking up so much more of the teaching time, those that do have capability will also be at a disadvantage. Plus even one disruption, or those not enjoying being in class, will be wasting the class's time.

There can be little doubt, with the very best of teaching staff, with a catchment area producing so many difficult pupils, advancement is nigh on

impossible. Then with Walsall's reputation, it makes a problem trying to encourage new teaching staff, or those with the capability needed to even apply for a job here.

The situation is so badly in need of a new mindset. There is a requirement for these in the political set-up, to realise present party policies have not and do not work. Everyone should be working, not for the next election results, but as a team to begin to find solutions to Walsall Borough's problems.

RAY HAMMOND
Aldridge

Send Corbyn out to deal with Korea

WE can all forget about Brexit, the value of the pound, Labour's opposition to grammar schools, the refurbishment of the House of Commons, HS1 and 2 etc, because North Korea has just tested its latest nuclear device - which by all accounts can be fitted to its ballistic missiles.

The west supposedly stopped Iran from producing nuclear weapons, we invaded Iraq and got rid of Saddam, who only had bows and arrows compared to North Korea, who is banned from producing nuclear weapons, but do produce nuclear weapons - those sanctions really made them stop and think!

Perhaps, we could deploy our very own weapon of mass destruction, Jeremy Corbyn, who with white feather in hand would give their leader Kim Jong-un a good talking to and persuade him to destroy his nuclear arsenal.

MR G SIMPSON
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Cyclists also need to be considerate

I READ with interest your article on 'Police getting tough on drivers over cyclists'. I am a driver and a pedestrian and a former cyclist, delivering goods on the old basket fronted, small front wheel bike, this shows my age. I agree that many drivers do not give enough consideration to cyclists, but let's look at the other side of the argument.

How about the cyclists who 'undertake' at junctions where cars and lorries have stopped. The vehicle driver has no idea if the cyclist, who may be in their blind spot plans to go straight ahead or turn left. What about the groups of Lycra-clad cyclists who ride two or even three abreast, even on country lanes making it impossible for a driver in a car to overtake safely. Even more dangerous, how about the Lycra-clad and helmeted cyclists who ride, illegally, on the footpath and expect pedestrians to move out of their way. I always make extra space when overtaking a cyclist. I drive with a screen camera that records all of my mileage and the number of times that show cyclists who have little or no consideration for other road users is great. So come on West Midlands Police, Mr Boardman and all cyclists, be considerate, be legal, be fair and be safe.

BRIAN CHILDS
Walsall

May not believer in Brexit

I HAVE never believed that our PM was a 'leave the EU' individual and the more I learn of her decisions and comments, convince me even more that she does not really want to leave the EU. She is totally engaged in slowing down all attempts to trigger Article 50 under the Lisbon Treaty.

We have not been told of the pledge to use our powers and funds freed up by Brexit to cut VAT on fuel and spend £100m in the NHS. Also her apparent willingness to continue paying the EU billions of pounds begs belief.

Recently, David Davies stated that we may quit the single market to regain control of our borders, but was immediately put down by May's spokeswoman for expressing this opinion. Should May fail to deliver a 100 per cent Brexit, then at the next election, the Tories will suffer at the polls. Millions will vote UKIP.

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It was the ninth such event held by PVCu Direct at Bloxwich Golf Club.

The sum collected takes the total amount raised for Walsall Breast Cancer Care Group to more than £52,200.

Teams of four took part in the competition, with Robbo's Rangers crowned the winners with 91 points.

Runners-up were Amber Kitchens with 88 and in third were Mick Plimmer's team with 87 points.

An auction, raffle, drinks and food sales throughout the day all helped to boost the funds.

Jail for caught out thief

A PROLIFIC thief caught red-handed trying to sell stolen property has been locked up for 20 months.

Lee Bastable, of Frederick Court, Highgate Road, Walsall, pleaded guilty to handling stolen property and attempted burglary.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told he offered an Xbox for sale to staff at a store in the Merry Hill Shopping

Centre on March 21. When the item's serial number was checked it was found to have been stolen during a break in at a house three days earlier and police were called, said Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting.

The 33-year-old defendant was arrested and a search of his home unearthed electrical equipment taken during another burglary.

In addition, Bastable was later identified through CCTV footage taken at

a store in Blackheath on February 16 where he unsuccessfully tried to sell a laptop and camera that had been taken in a burglary that same day.

Mr Searle said the defendant had been seen on January 31 attempting to break into a house in Beeches Road, Blackheath using a screwdriver found in a garden shed at the property. He gave up and fled after realising he had been spotted by a neighbour who later identified him as the culprit.

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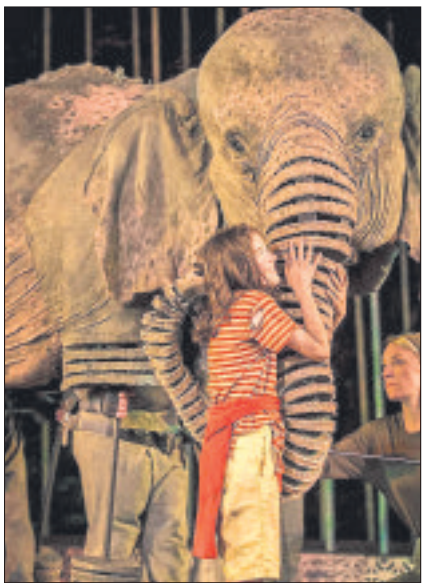
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Running Wild features life-size animal puppets and tells the story of Lilly who takes an elephant ride while on holiday with her mother in Indonesia. But during the ride the elephant becomes anxious and runs deep into the jungle, escaping the tsunami which strikes moments later.

At first Lilly revels in tree-top adventures but she quickly has to learn how to survive the rainforest. The stage adaptation is based on Michael Morpurgo's novel of the same name which was inspired by the real-life story of Amber Owen. The eight-year-old was on holiday in Phuket with her mother and stepfather in 2004 and was saved after the elephant she was riding ran inland.

The Boxing Day tsunami, triggered by an undersea earthquake, killed 230,000 people in 14 countries with coastal communities facing waves up to 30 metres high.

The first UK Tour of *Running Wild* is in an adaptation by Samuel Adamson and will be at the Grand Theatre from June 6 until June 10. Tickets will be on sale from 11am on October 6. Call 01902 429212.

Action call on scourge of drinkers at memorial

ACTION has been demanded to tackle drinkers loitering around Walsall's World War One memorial following the publication of a disturbing picture of someone appearing to be passed out at the cenotaph.

Bus drivers have described the area surrounding the monument at Bradford Place as a 'hell hole' due to 10 drunks a day hanging about.

They claim in the last six weeks the problems have got significantly worse and have bore witness to people spitting, swearing, urinating and collapsing into intoxicated stupors at the cenotaph which cost £2,000 and is the focal point for annual remembrance ceremonies.

Revolt

On Wednesday evening one man was shamed on social media after he was photographed lying down on the grass at the site, with a can of cider next to his motionless body.

National Express driver Liz Couston said: "It is disgusting, absolutely revolting. Ambulances are here two or three times a day

tending to people who are drunk and are passed out on the floor. It is a hell hole. "People don't like getting on or off the bus here because of the spitting, swearing, the abuse. It is a horrible environment. They are being sick and just urinating where they stand."

She added: "It has been going on for the last six weeks. I don't know if they have been moved on from somewhere else."

"There are at least 10 throughout the day on a typical day but on a bank holiday it is like Shaun of Dead around here."

"It should not be allowed at the memorial of all places. Something needs to be done."

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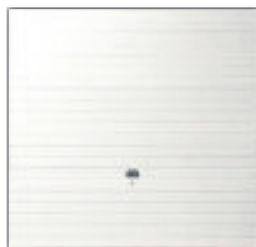
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'Frenzied' protesters hit out at council on graves

FURIOUS protesters are to launch a legal challenge against Walsall Council after they were told to remove flowers and edgings from loved one's graves.

Walsall Council issued residents with a notice last month telling them to remove the objects by October as they could not cut the grass at Streetly Crematorium and Cemetery.

The notices were originally halted along with enforcement action after a petition was launched, with the council saying they would discuss the issue next time they met.

But after a meeting last Monday night the whole chamber decided that council regulation will stay and the graves must be cleared up.

Tens of protesters turned up on the night to put their case forward to councillors as tensions threatened to boil over, with the Labour leader Councillor Sean Coughlan saying some of his councillors left 'in tears'.

Younger

But with a final decision by the council now made, protesters have said they will press forward with legal action. Father-of-three Mehboob Matloob, aged 45, has been leading the fight to protect the graves in the cemetery where his younger brother is buried.

He said: "They should have deferred this matter, come round the table, look at the evidence and come together. Instead they rejected the matter."

"We had two rooms full of people. Our barrister was there who made our speech. They rejected our requests and will carry on with the enforcement. We had a demonstration and feelings were running very high. The police had to step in and get people out of the way."



Front, Shazia Kausar, seen with fellow protesters outside Walsall Town Hall

Tensions in the community are running very high at the moment.

"I'm going to stand up as a voice for the community. We feel that we are being treated unlawfully and are going to continue with this case. If you choose not to go down the route of talking to find a resolution we will go down the route of taking legal action."

"That is the way forward. I am waiting for confirmation back from the barrister then we will be able to

release some more details." The leader of Walsall Council Sean Coughlan said: "There was some really disappointed people in the public gallery but to be honest it turned into a frenzied riot at the end."

"Muslim councillors from my side were shouted at and followed. It was not a pleasant sight."

"At least two female councillors had to go through a young banging crowd and left the town in tears."

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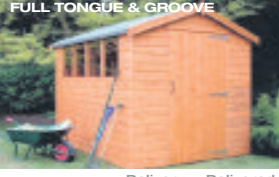
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X Factor Keegan hopes to score in music



18-year-old Keegan Hammond, from Walsall Wood, who made it through to boot camp on the X Factor

A BLACK Country teenager is setting his sights on next year's X Factor after making it through to the latter stages of this year's competition.

Keegan Hammond, aged 18, from Bridgeside Close, Walsall Wood, made it through to the last 25 of this year's boot camp stage but fell short.

Now the former Shire Oak pupil has said he wants to try again, and revealed he could be joining a boy band on the recommendation of Simon Cowell. He said: "It was a very good experience. You meet lots of people and it is a real competition even though you get along with them really

well. I think I am going to keep going for it but I might be joining a boy band as Simon Cowell recommended it for me. I'm in contact with a band from Bristol who I met at the competition. We had a sing along and really enjoyed it so that is an option.

"As I was on my way out after I had been told I had not made it Lois told me that I was really close and still really young so I should definitely try again."

His father, Paul, said he was 'very proud' of his son, adding: "A lot of people do not see what goes on behind the scenes on the show, they only see

what is on TV. They do not appreciate how demanding it is." Currently working as a professional singer working at weddings, parties and other events, Keegan was at the centre of a BBC/ITV tussle as both The Voice and X Factor wanted him on their show.

Mr Hammond explained: "The Voice came into Birmingham College where he was studying music to audition 10 people and he was the only one to make it through. He had to choose between one or the other." For more information on Keegan, visit his Facebook page 'Keegan Hammond Music' or www.keeganhammond.co.uk/



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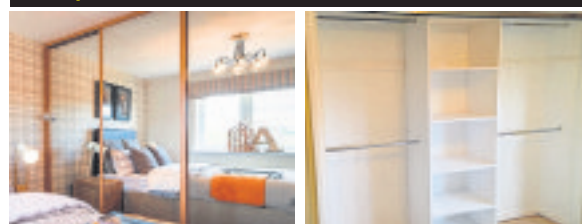
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fashion retailers within Walsall. Select area manager Deanna Rogerson said: "We're thrilled with the opening of the new Walsall store and feel it will be a welcome addition to the centre."

Cushman and Wakefield Centre Manager, Melvin Glasby said: "We're delighted in securing a national brand

such as Select. It's a great step forward for not only the centre but also the Walsall town centre and we hope to reveal further names in the coming months."

To find out more about the centre's newest resident and more, visit www.saddlerswalsall.co.uk

Jail on hold for man with 1,300 indecent images

A MAN who had more than 1,300 indecent images of children and more than 290 videos was given a suspended prison sentence after being told by a judge his behaviour 'creates demand' for child pornography.

David Botley, of The Pinnacle, Gomer Street, Willenhall, had 1,235 class C images, 49 class B images and 12 of the most serious class A images stored on a computer confiscated by police.

He admitted possessing the images at Wolverhampton Crown Court and was given a 12-month prison sentence suspended for two years. He also had 67 category A videos, 59 category B videos and 167 category C videos. Botley, 64, had attempted to wipe the images from his computer, a court heard, but officers managed to uncover them, alongside software which

enabled him to download videos and search terms. Prosecuting, Mr Edward Soulsby said: "He had initially told police he only watched regular adult pornography but when police told him about the images they had found he responded 'no comment'."

"He has been looking at this material for a couple of years now, hence the large number of images police found despite his attempts to clear his history."

Defence solicitor Oliver Woolhouse said: "He had attempted to not just clear his history but also get rid of the pictures so he could no longer see them."

Judge Stephen Ward ordered that Botley carry out 150 hours unpaid work, attend a sex offenders rehabilitation course, sign on the sex offenders register for 10 years and comply with a sexual harm prevention order, which allows police to check his computer history, for 10 years. He said: "You downloading these images creates a demand that means they continue to be made."

Boundary changes under fire

A WALSALL Councillor has hit out at the proposed boundary changes for the borough, calling them 'absurd'.

Conservative Rose Martin also called for a consultation event in Walsall, with none currently planned. She argues that the borough is the worst-hit in the West Midlands under the plans, therefore an event should be held in Walsall.

Under proposals David Winnick's Walsall North seat will be abolished, with parts of it amalgamated into three new seats: Walsall Central; Wednesfield and Willenhall; and Aldridge, Brownhills and Bloxwich. Birmingham's Erdington constituency will also come right up to the Longhorn Pub on Sutton Road.

Councillor Martin said: "One of my concerns is that there does not seem to be a consultation event in Walsall. There will be ones in Birmingham in Stafford but not Walsall when it is one of the worst areas affected."

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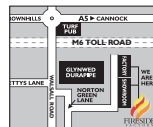
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The shortened shotgun recovered by police

Officers seized gun as deal was under way

TWO people have been jailed for more than eight years after a shotgun was seized in the Black Country.

Firearms officers recovered the shortened shotgun and ammunition after acting on intelligence to monitor a gun deal on a car park in Waverley Avenue, Great Barr, on March 9 last year.

Ben Wellings was seen parking up near Pauline Ali's BMW just before 11am and pass a black bag – containing the shotgun – through an open window.

Ali drove off but was stopped soon after by officers in Shady Lane, Great Barr, who seized the short-barrelled gun – similar to a sawn-off shotgun – and cartridge from the car seat.

Wellings was followed by officers and arrested at a petrol station forecourt in nearby Kingstanding Road.

Wellings, aged 30, of Birdbrook Road, Great Barr, pleaded guilty to possessing and supplying a firearm and was jailed for six years at Birmingham Crown Court on Monday, September 19.

Ali, 37, of Windsor Road, Castle Bromwich, admitted possessing a firearm and was sentenced to two-and-a-half years behind bars.

The pair were snared as part of a police crackdown on weapons. West Midlands Police has vowed to take action against illegal firearms and continue to pursue court action.

Detective Inspector Darren Crutchley, of the West Midlands Regional Organised Crime Unit, said: "This



Ben Wellings – six years



Ali – two and a half years

was a potentially lethal gun which has been removed from the streets.

"These sentences should reassure the public that possession of an illegal weapon will not be tolerated and are treated seriously by police and the courts."

£1,600 is raised in memory of Luke, 23

MORE than £1,500 has been raised in memory of a Black Country man who died after he was swept out to sea.

Luke Morton, from Bearwood, died after he was hit by a wave while standing on rocks near Cardigan in south Wales, where he had gone to watch seals and dolphins.

His family has now launched a fundraising drive for the RNLI after the lifeboat service helped search for Mr Morton, aged 23, when he went missing on August 7. So far, £1,600 has been raised on the Just Giving fundraising page.

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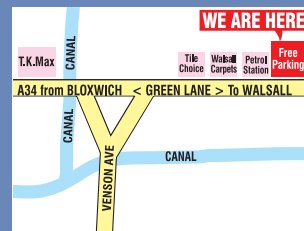
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Brave children stars of hospital funds appeal

ELEVEN courageous youngsters star in a new photography exhibition helping Birmingham Children's Hospital's raise funds to build the UK's first Rare Diseases Centre for children.

The 'Stars of Steelhouse Lane' exhibition features hospital patients including 15-year-old Jordan Haywood, from Perton, eight-year-old Skye Gardner, of Wednesbury and Matilda Hatton, seven, who lives in Great Wyrley.

Their pictures will be showcased in the heart of Birmingham, Victoria Square, until tomorrow (Friday).

Jordan has Klinefelter Syndrome, which means he was born with an extra X chromosome. While Klinefelter's is fairly common, Jordan actually has four extra X chromosomes, making his diagnosis extremely rare.

Operations

The brave youngster was also born with three holes in his heart, and struggles with a speech and language disorder, poor muscle tone, a sensory processing disorder, asthma, learning difficulties, anxiety, gastrointestinal problems, as well as a poorly functioning right kidney.

He's had many operations and has been in and out of hospital for all of his life. His mother Caroline said: "We've fought for Jordan from day one and we'll keep on fighting, but the future's scary, we don't know what it holds."

Skye has Williams Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that affects many parts of the body and is characterised by mild to moderate learning difficulties, heart and kidney problems and developmental delays. Her condition is so rare, she wasn't diagnosed until the age of three and she's never met anyone else with the same condition.



The child 'Stars of Steelhouse Lane' that feature in the exhibition

Her mum Laura said: "There's still very little information about Williams Syndrome and there are a lot of unknowns. It's just a case of making the most of every single day."

Matilda is one of only a handful of children in the world to have the extremely rare genetic disorder Sensenbrenner Syndrome, a multi-system disease that affects many parts of her body. It took three years for Matilda's condition to be diagnosed.

She has craniofacial problems, shorter limbs and rib cage and grows

at a slower rate than other children. She also has kidney and liver problems as well as an enlarged heart valve.

Dad Les said: "I'd give anything to be able to tell my gorgeous little girl it's all going to be okay, but I don't know if it's true - nobody has the answers."

The fundraising target for the Rare Diseases Centre is £3.65 million. So far, just over £1.5m has been raised.

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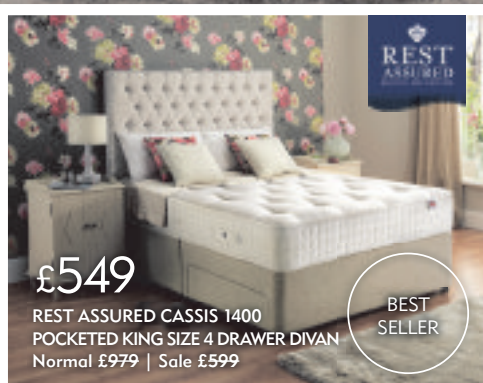
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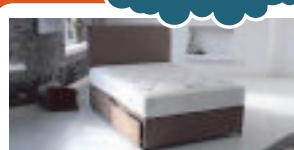
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Engineering firm faces £12k bill over injury

A BILSTON engineering company has been hit in the pocket for more than £12,000 after a worker broke his arm in two places when his hand caught on a drill.

Wolverhampton Magistrates' Court heard that Mr Deimantas Beinoras, a 23-year-old Lithuanian national was injured while working for KV Welding Limited, which manufactures equipment for the logistics sector.

Mr Beinoras was operating a pedestal drilling machine to drill holes into some box section tubing. He was adjusting the work piece while the drill was still running when his gloved hand became entangled with the unguarded drill bit.

Training

His arm was pulled around the drill and broke two bones in right forearm.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) prosecuting, told the court that injuries could have been prevented if the drill was guarded with a telescopic guard covering the rotating drill bit.

Also if the injured person had not been wearing gloves, a suitable and suf-

icient risk assessment had been completed to identify required control measures and if the employee had received proper training.

KV Welding Limited of Perry Street, Bradley, Bilston admitted failing to ensure the health, safety and welfare at work of one of its employees, and was fined £10,000 and ordered to pay £2,168.73 in costs.

Viran Tal, manager of KV Welding, said: "Mr Beinoras is back to work now. It was an extremely bad injury, but fortunately he's in good health now."

"A lot of procedures have been put in place to make sure nothing like this happens again. It's the first time a bad injury has happened in all 30 years of the company's history."

Nitisha serves up own cookery book



Chef Nitisha Patel has secured a book deal showcasing delicious Indian recipes

A CITY chef is to launch a new cook book showcasing delicious Indian recipes. Nitisha Patel, from Pine Close, Wolverhampton, is working with London publishers Ryland Peters and Small to produce My Modern Indian Kitchen.

The 27-year-old has already tasted success as the face of Indian cuisine in Tesco stores nationwide. Packed with foolproof recipes which can be created at home with minimum fuss, the book is inspired by the food she enjoyed at home in Wolverhampton with her Gujarati parents and by the training she received on University College Birmingham's Culinary Arts Management course.

The book has been a labour of love for Nitisha, put together in her spare time over two years. She believes it reflects her love of food and her heritage. She said: "It is all about Indian food that is great tasting, fresh, vibrant, and guaranteed to leave your friends and family impressed too."

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Are you okay there, deer?



Residents grab pictures of red deer as they pass through a business park in Burntwood. Picture by Steven Kendrick from Walsall

DEER were spotted wandering in the middle and across a busy roundabout.

Steven Kendrick, from Walsall, spotted them in Burntwood on the way back from a bike ride with his family.

At least eight red deer were seen walking across the road along the A5190 near to the Fed Ex depot on Burntwood Business Park.

Mr Kendrick captured a photo of the animals on his iPhone.

Before the estate had been converted from green land, he says they would have passed through

regularly. He said: "We were on our way back from a bike ride near Burntwood when we came across a load of red deer."

"It was such a shame to see as a big housing estate has been built on green land where they used to pass through and graze."

"Cars passing by did slow down and folk were taking photos. Although it was a shame to see them lost it was a lovely sight."

The spot comes after a project to safeguard deer on Cannock Chase was delayed after thieves ripped up posts set to hold reflective signs.

THE number of times Walsall Council has legally 'spied' on residents has decreased over recent years, figures show.

Local authorities across the UK are able to use the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) to undertake intrusive and directed surveillance, such as filming and monitoring people in public places.

But statistics shown to councillors this week show it was used only three times between April 2015 and March this year – all for trading standards matters. That was down by 96 per cent from being used 67 times between April 2011 and March 2012.

During that time, the council used RIPA to investigate 16 matters relating to housing benefit or council tax benefit fraud and 31 for anti-social behaviour enforcement. It also undertook 19 investigations into trading standards matters.

Compliant

An assessment of the council's use of RIPA, discussed by Walsall Council's audit committee on Monday, found it is 'fully compliant and accurately records the details in the underlying forms' and that a 'good' training programme is maintained.

When the council is investigating people on Facebook, typically to investigate the sale of illicit goods, the authority sends out an official letter 'warning the seller to desist'. All messages are sent from attributable council computers.

The report, delivered by the Office of Surveillance Commissioners (OSC) and written by its deputy assistant surveillance commissioner, Sir David Clarke, found it was confident Walsall council 'does not take part in or permit unauthorised covert surveillance by CCTV'. Sir David states: "This is a fast-changing world in which technology has in some respects outstripped the applicable legislation, but the legislation is still there to be complied with."

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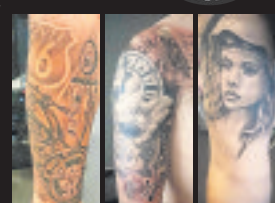
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Question of finding team for next big contest

Yew Tree and Tame
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A QUIZ was held at the meeting on September 1 – one round with clues and answers based on sweet names and one general knowledge round in an effort to find a 'crack team' for the next Federation quiz – other groups have little to fear!

Arrangements were also discussed for a visit to the Art Gallery followed by lunch on October 20. On October 6, there will be a talk by the RNLI when there will also be a sales table.

Quantities

This follows the success of a talk in August by a puppy walker from Guide Dogs accompanied by her beautiful puppy-in-training Faldo.

Yew Tree and Tame Bridge TG is a small, friendly group who all enjoy talking, visits and eating in equal quantities!

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 2pm, at the Yew Tree Community Centre which is very conveniently placed in Redwood Road just off the West Bromwich – Walsall bus route, and newcomers are welcome.

For further information please ring Glenis on 01922 723346.

Events are success as 90th celebrated

CHAIRMAN Ann Smith, opened the meeting on September 6 by thanking everyone for supporting the two social events held during August, these being the outing to Evesham and the coffee morning/bring and buy. Both events were most enjoyable.

Following the formalities the chairman invited one of our members – Mrs Jean Benton – to come forward to receive a most beautiful bouquet on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Jean thanked everyone for their kind thoughts and wishes and a photograph was taken of the event for inclusion in the WCTG scrapbook.

Following a tea/coffee and biscuits break, the chairman introduced the speaker for the evening – Ann Shepherd – whose theme was storytelling. No-one knew quite to expect of this topic but Ann did exactly 'what it said on the tin' and related two stories to the group.

Ann's youth was spent in Lancashire and both stories were based on her experiences whilst working as a 'Saturday girl', firstly on a market stall, selling fruit and vegetables and later at a department store called Henry's on the underwear department. Her vocal delivery and facial expressions when relating her tales caused much hilarity, especially her references to Playtex rubberised undergarments.

When asked what career she took up when leaving full-time education, she caused even more laughter with the response that she



Ann Smith with a bouquet for Jean Benton, on her 90th

Walsall Central TG

went to Pontin's as a Starlight Lovely.

I think it should be pointed out that when Ann moved to Birmingham in 1971 she became a true career girl, eventually becoming manager in a very responsible post.

The evening was a great success and everyone was mesmerised by Ann with her lovely personality and character plus all the joviality she created.

The next meeting of the WCTG takes place on Tuesday October 4 in the Melish Room, Central Hall, Ablewell Street, Walsall commencing 7pm. This

meeting will take the form of a 70th anniversary celebration for WCTG and the entertainment will be provided by the group's drama group. New members will be made most welcome and in the first instance should contact Mrs Janice Fussell, secretary (01922 631246).

The official celebration will be a luncheon party on Thursday October 6, 2016 at the Beverley Hotel, Walsall; and our invited guests on this occasion will be the Mayor of Walsall, accompanied by her Consort, the TG Federation chairman and the TG past national chairman.

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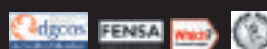
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Company Secretary and Dave's wife, Claire, said that her husband had 25 years experience in the windows industry and had fitted them for other companies, but realised that he could provide a better service if doing it himself.

D.W. Windows now directly employ 30 local people and Dave Walters insists on teamwork and reliability from all of his staff, which are the main reasons that they are going from strength to strength in a very competitive industry.

Claire Walters is proud to be able to say that: "At least 7 out of 10 of our enquiries come from recommendations or previous customers who want to use us again".

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Heather on the Chase is enjoying a purple patch



The colour of heather on Cannock Chase ranges from orange right through to purple Pictures: Ryan Kearney

IT lies like a thick, purple carpet – or perhaps a colourful patchwork quilt – but these beautiful images in fact show purple heather on Cannock Chase.

The photos were taken by Ryan Kearney, who captured the plant in all its glory by using a drone.

The pictures highlight some of the natural beauty that visitors can take in at Cannock Chase – Britain's smallest Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – along with its miles of rolling hills and

unspoilt forest tracks. Heather, or Calluna vulgaris, is the sole species in the genus Calluna in the family Ericaceae.

It is a low-growing perennial shrub, and grows around eight to 20in tall.

It is found widely in Europe on acidic soils in open sunny situations and in moderate shade.

Heather is the dominant plant in most heathland and moorland in Europe, and in some bog vegetation and acidic pine and oak woodland.

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Scouting around for info on old picture



The photograph of a scout meeting at Beadesert believed to be taken around the early 1940s

CAN you help a long-serving scout member find out more about the group in this picture?

Mary Mayo, secretary of the Walsall North Scouts group, has dug up the photograph, which she believes to have been taken at Beadesert Park in Cannock Chase in the early 1940s and is curious to find out more.

Mrs Mayo, who lived at and ran the park with her husband from 1995 to 2007, recently found the picture out of an old collection of objects relating to Beadesert when asked for help by a friend who is compiling information about standards. She picked

it up expecting to see the Beadesert standard but was shocked to find that wasn't the case and she is now looking for help to discover which scout group were photographed.

She said: "I am hoping that someone will see this photograph and notice perhaps a grandparent or a parent and point me in the right direction as to discovering who was photographed."

"I joined the scouts in 1953 and I can see that the uniforms they are wearing pre-date that era. The park didn't open until 1938 so I am assuming it was taken at some point in the early 1940s. It is a fascinating picture

and one that actually has quite a lot of detail to the faces, so I hope that someone can help me out."

Beadesert Park is set in 125 acres of land on Cannock Chase. Today it is also used for day trips and residential visits, with activities relating to the curriculum at each stage. It is run and managed by the Beadesert Trust, which was founded to manage the land, which is still used by scouts, guides and other youth organisations.

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Crowds line city streets to see the new bishop

HUNDREDS of people lined the streets at the weekend to welcome in the new Bishop of Lichfield.

The Right Reverend Dr Michael Igrave OBE officially took up the role on Saturday.

He will head up the Diocese of Lichfield, which has churches in Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell, Staffordshire and Shropshire.

Bishop Michael arrived at Lichfield Cathedral on foot after completing the final stretch of his 40-mile pilgrimage from Stoke-on-Trent.

He officially took up his new post at a morning service where he went through the enthronement, as representatives from all over his Diocese turned up to welcome him.

Afterwards he took to the streets of Lichfield where he sang hymns and read prayers as part of a procession through the city centre.

Procession

People lined the streets and came out of shops and restaurants to catch a glimpse. At one stage the procession gave a huge round of applause for a just-married couple they passed on the way back to the cathedral.

After the procession Bishop Michael led another service before he was finally allowed a much deserved rest.

He said: "I enjoyed the day very much. I found it tremendously encouraging. I felt a real sense of welcome and I also felt that there was a real sense of working together and heading into the future together."

"My feet are itching to get started. I just want to get round the Diocese and meet more and more people and connect with them and help them con-



The Right Reverend Dr Michael Igrave OBE seen in his bishop's attire

nect with one another. I hope that as a church we can be a hopeful community, that we can be a serving community and that we can be a community that cares for one another. I do think our task is to take our faith out onto the streets. Of course we belong in our churches but we also belong out there in the communities."

Bishop Michael described Lichfield as a 'wonderful place to be, absolutely beautiful. A real gem in the heart of the Midlands'.

The Dean of Lichfield, the Very Reverend Adrian Dorber, said: "The parade was what we had hoped for, that we would be able to show the bishop off to his city, the city that gives him his title, and we wanted to make a big celebration. I was thrilled with the morning service. We have been months preparing, and everything went to plan. We have been waiting quite a long time to get a new bishop and we are delighted that we have got such a person in Michael Igrave."

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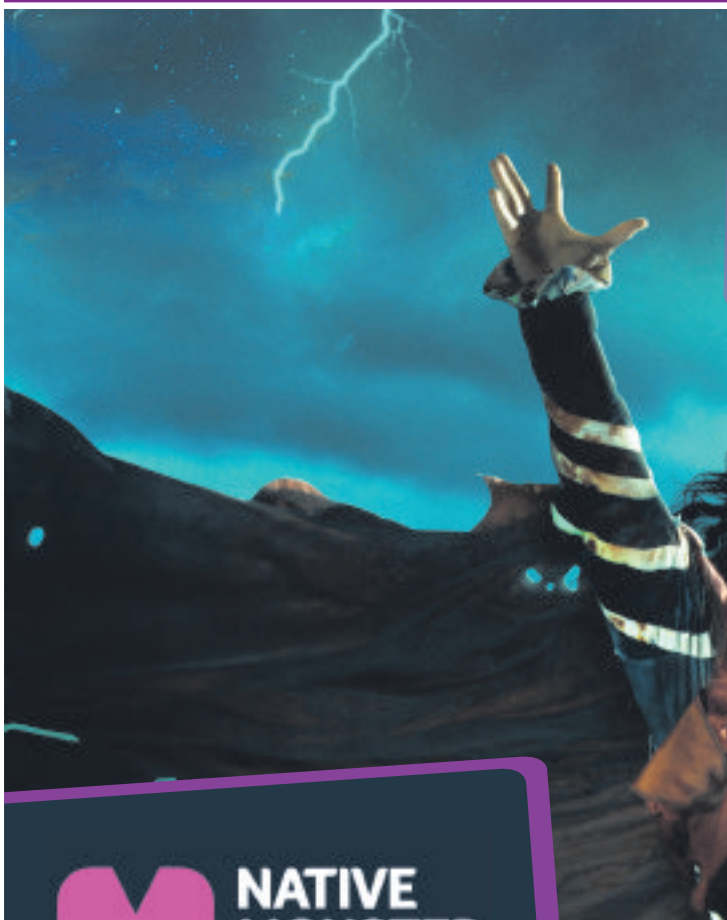
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World premiere of The Tempest ballet

AA NEW ballet choreographed by David Bintley and inspired by William Shakespeare is to have its world premiere at Birmingham Hippodrome on Saturday.

Full-length ballet The Tempest is a major work to conclude Birmingham Royal Ballet's 2016 Shakespeare season. BRB artistic director Bintley is promising a breath-taking production full of dazzling dance, theatrical wizardry and stunning designs by War Horse's Rae Smith.

It will be set to a new score by acclaimed British composer Sally Beamish and lit by Bruno Poet, whose previous credits include Miss Saigon.

Yorkshire-born Bintley is an honorary Brummie. He has been offered other major jobs but has stayed in Birmingham for 21 years, since the company relocated from London in a remarkable cultural coup for the second city. An avid Villa fan, he loves the city and loves how embedded the Birmingham Royal Ballet is in the cultural landscape.

A former dancer who graduated to become artistic director, and who received a CBE for his services to dance in the Queen's 2001 Honours, he has been working hard on his latest project to make a memorable conclusion to a season that marked the 400th anniversary of the death of Britain's greatest writer.

"I've been thinking about doing The Tempest for more than 30 years," he said. "I was really waiting for the right composer to come along. Four years ago I heard the music of Sally Beamish and that was it. Within



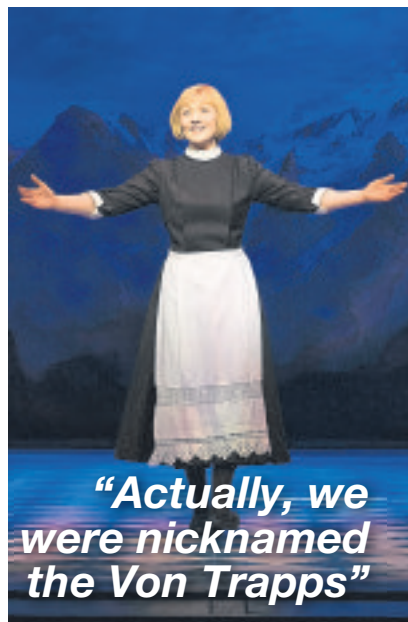
Jenna Roberts as Miranda and Joseph Caley as Ferdinand in The Tempest

a week we were in touch."

Bintley conjures Prospero's magical isle, from what was probably Shakespeare's final work before his death, in a spellbinding new work.

The Tempest is the story of a man

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Lucy has confidence

WHEN Lucy O'Byrne was growing up in Ireland, she was nicknamed Maria. She came from a performing family that was steeped in musical theatre and singing was a part of her background. Family friends likened the O'Byrne family to the Von Trapps – the famous family from The Sound of Music.

And having landed the role of Maria, Lucy is thrilled to be taking part in the touring production that comes to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday.

"It's hard work, it's very hard work, but it's such a wonderful thing to be a part of," said Lucy. "My parents both worked in musical theatre and it was something that we always did as a family, as we were growing up. Actually, we were nicknamed the Von Trapps by our family friends long, long before this was on the horizon."

Lucy initially moved from Ireland to the UK to pursue her musical theatre career. She had started training classically when The Voice made her a household name.

"My career took a turn that I wasn't expecting with The Voice. A lot of people will know me from that," said Lucy. "But the music for The Sound of Music needs no introduction. It's Rodgers and Hammerstein and they are songs that everybody knows. They are beautiful and I am so lucky that I get to sing them every night."

Lucy had grown up watching Julie Andrews perform the role and was unsure whether she could live up to expectation. "It was absolutely terrifying but of course I jumped at it. It's so iconic but you have to make it your own."

Hunna and Jamie T sell out shows

THE Hunna reached 13 in the album chart this month with their debut 100 and have sold out their gig at the Birmingham O2 Academy on Tuesday.

Those with a ticket can expect some musical fireworks from the Hertfordshire quartet who recently released the single Bonfire. Support comes from Hampshire trio Blaeavon, who have a new single out called Let's Pray.

Jamie T, charting with fourth album Trick, has sold out the same venue on Saturday. The Fireball Fuelling The Fire tour is at the O2 Academy on Wednesday with Less Than Jake, The Skints, Mariachi El Bronx, Kemuri, and Brum's AMFX.

Wind farm debate inspires Arena play

SET against the backdrop of the debate about wind turbines, three actors tell the story of a fictional rural community and the conflicts caused by a proposed wind farm in its vicinity. Giants on the Hill is a play by Stephanie Dale, performed by Birmingham-based Centric at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre tonight (Thursday).

A boozy night in Cork has shocking results in Edna Walsh's Disco Pigs, at Birmingham Rep's The Door, tonight to Saturday. Maura Judges celebrates an Irish literary figure, Lady Gregory: A Galway Life, at Birmingham Crescent Theatre Studio, tonight to Saturday.

Poppies are back with new line-up

STOURBRIDGE alternative rock favourites Pop Will Eat Itself are back on the road 30 years after they formed in the Black Country, albeit with one original member.

Reformed as PWEI v2.0 in 2011, original drummer Graham Crabb has taken on singing duties since original frontman Clint Mansell went to America and became a top Hollywood soundtrack composer.

The band at The Robin 2 in Bilston on Sunday also feature Mary Byker from Gaye Bykers On Acid, Jason Bowld from Killing Joke, Davey Bennett from This Burning Age and Tim Muddiman from The Strange.

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CHOICE



Michael Symmons Roberts

Railway Nation: Across Britain in a Day (BBC2, 9pm)

Sabrina Mahfouz, Michael Symmons Roberts, Liz Berry, Andrew McMillan, Imtiaz Dharker and Sean O'Brien celebrate Britain's love of trains by reinventing WH Auden and Benjamin Britten's train journey across Britain. The pair made their trip almost 80 years ago, travelling from London to Edinburgh on board an overnight mail train, as part of the production of the ground-breaking 1936 documentary Night Mail. Now, the six poets make a similar trip – this time during the day – to document the voices of rail travellers from all walks of life going about their daily business.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Rugby League – Super League Highlights. **2.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** Pointless Celebrities.

6.20 Strictly Come Dancing. For the first time this year, the pro-celebrity dance contest gets serious, as the 15 stars perform live in a bid to remain in the competition. The scores from last week's opening weekend performances carry forward to tonight's totals, as Len Goodman, Darcy Bussell, Bruno Tonioli and Craig Revel Horwood once again assess each couple's finesse on the dance-floor. The voting lines then open, as viewers at home get their first chance to have their say on their favourite pairings ahead of tomorrow night's results show.

8.25 The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion. A UK family and their long-lost overseas relatives must work together in order to win a once-in-a-lifetime reunion in a five-star location. The overseas family must answer questions to win time for their relatives in the UK studio, who will then individually answer questions against the clock. Nick Knowles hosts and Gabby Roslin introduces the all-important weekend Lotto and Thunderball draws.

9.15 Casualty. Ethan struggles to make Alicia's birthday a day to remember as Lily deals with a family feud too close to home.

10.05 BBC News: Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, which included Swansea City v Liverpool at Liberty Stadium, and West Ham United v Middlesbrough at the Olympic Stadium. The Reds will be hoping to find some consistency in their away form, having begun the season with a victory at Arsenal that was followed by defeat to newly-promoted Burnley. However, they were impressive in their most recent away tie, a 2-1 victory over Chelsea at Stamford Bridge; National Lottery Update.

11.45 The NFL Show.
12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.20 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 The Women's Football Show. (R) **6.35 Film:** From This Day Forward. (1946) **8.05 Film:** Berlin Express. (1948) **9.30 Golf:** The Ryder Cup. (R) **11.00** Lost Land of the Volcano. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. **12.30** Great British Menu. **1.00** Great British Menu. **1.30** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Nature's Wildest Events. (R) **3.15** Flog It! **4.10** The Hairy Bikers' Chicken and Egg. (R) **5.10** Gardeners' World. (R)

6.10 Inside the Commons. Michael Cockerell presents a documentary filmed over the course of a year in the House of Commons, giving an insight into the day-to-day life and work of everyone from the Prime Minister to those who maintain the building. Cameras follow relatively new MPs Charlotte Leslie and Sarah Champion as they learn the ways of the House, while David Cameron and his opposite number Ed Milliband reveal what happens at Prime Minister's Questions. The programme also meets a gospel-singing tea lady who works in the members' tea room and joins a maintenance team abseiling down the face of the clock tower. (R)

7.10 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. Jo Brand is joined by broadcaster Danny Baker and two other celebrity fans to discuss the good, the bad and the soggy-bottomed moments from botanical week. (R)

7.40 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring initiates a recruitment campaign, but makes the mistake of leaving Wilson in charge of the poster. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R)

8.10 Betjeman & Me: Rick Stein's Story. The chef celebrates poet John Betjeman's love affair with the English seaside holiday, and his affection for Cornwall.

9.00 Railway Nation: Across Britain in a Day. Six poets reinvent WH Auden and Benjamin Britten's 1936 train journey across Britain, documenting the voices of travellers from all walks of life going about their daily business.

10.00 Performance Live: Kate Tempest. The spoken-word artist hosts a night of poetry.

11.00 Artnight: Poets at the BBC. A special edition of the cultural magazine show.

12.00 Live at the Apollo. (R) **12.30** Golf: The Ryder Cup. **2.00** Film: The Walker. (R) **3.40** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.15** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Sooty. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Super 4. (R) **7.20** Oddbods. (R) **7.25** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.30** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.50** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Loop. **8.30** Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Do! **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News.

9.30 Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** Judge Rinder. (R) **12.20** ITV News: Weather. **12.30** River Monsters. (R) **1.00** Tipping Point. (R) **2.00** The Chase. (R) **3.00** The X Factor. (R) **5.00** Ninja Warrior UK. (R)

6.00 Regional Programme: Weather.

6.15 ITV News: Weather.

6.30 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring a man hunting mosquitos with a bow and arrow and a child demolishing his mother's kitchen. (R)

7.00 Go for It. Members of the public are given a chance to demonstrate their most unusual skills in unique challenges, with successful contestants claiming a £1,000 prize. Last in the series.

8.00 The X Factor. As the judges' houses stage, the remaining 28 acts jett off to glamorous destinations around the world to compete for places in the live shows. Dermot O'Leary hosts.

9.30 Newoids. Satirical sketch show blending traditional puppetry and animation, with impressionists Jon Culshaw, Debra Stephenson, Lewis Macleod and Simon Greenall.

10.00 The Jonathan Ross Show. The Legend of Tarzan star Alexander Skarsgård, and The Girl on the Train's Emily Blunt and Luke Evans join Jonathan in the studio, along with Britney Spears, who performs live.

11.05 ITV News: Weather.

11.25 Film: Columbo: Agenda for Murder. (1990) A crooked lawyer murders a blackmailer and makes it look like suicide – but the shabby sleuth sees through his ruse. Starring Peter Falk.

1.10 Jackpot247. **3.10** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Motor Sport: GT Academy. **6.25** The Grid. **6.55** Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. **8.05** The Morning Line. **9.00** Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix Qualifying Live. **11.30** Murray Walker Meets Jensen Button. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** Gok's Fill Your House for Free. **2.00** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot, Newmarket and Redcar. **4.30** Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix Qualifying Replay.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows Matt and Sophie White from Sussex as they build a giant family house of fun for themselves and their children. Going against the norm of designing a serious and practical home, the couple's property features a revolving bookcase door, secret dens, hiding places, one-way mirrors, and a fireman's pole. Matt uses a steel frame system to allow them to change the layout of the property, and other changes include amending the window shapes and sizes, and adding a half floor to create a James Bond room. (R)

8.00 Walking Through Time. Palaeobiologist Dr Tom Herridge and Professor Adrian Lister visit Shropshire to discuss analysis into the remains of five mammoths found in a quarry in 1986. The results revealed that these mammoths were among the last of their species to survive in Europe and Rishi wonders whether this gives a clue as to how the species was wiped out altogether.

9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words and numbers quiz, with Lee Mack and Catherine Tate taking on Sean Lock and Miles Jupp. John Cooper Clarke joins Susie Dent in Dictionary Corner, while Rachel Riley looks after the numbers and letters.

10.00 Film: Transcendence. (2014) Premiere. A scientist is assassinated, but resurrected as an artificial intelligence that makes horrific plans for the human race. Sci-fi drama, with Johnny Depp and Rebecca Hall.

12.15 Film: How I Live Now. (2013) **2.00** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.05** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **4.20** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.25** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **9.00** The Saturday Show Live. **11.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **3.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **4.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **5.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.00 5 News Weekend.

6.05 NCIS. Gibbs discovers a link between the murder of a petty officer and the break-up of his team, leading him and new director Leon Vance to uncover a case of blackmail. (R)

7.00 NCIS. A lieutenant apparently commits suicide by jumping from an aircraft carrier and Ziva and McGee are dispatched to inform the widow – but arrive to find that she has been murdered. (R)

7.55 NCIS: New Orleans. An immigrant petty officer dies in an apparent suicide, though Loretta finds fingerprints around the neck that suggest he was strangled before being thrown off a bridge. The team questions the victim's mother and brother, who both live locally and a link is found to a people-smuggling gang bringing migrants into the States using boats. When the team members intercept the latest arrivals, they see a familiar face. Elsewhere, the agents secretly create an online dating profile for Pride. Scott Bakula and Lucas Black star.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games, including Birmingham City v Blackburn Rovers.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two.

10.25 Gotham. Crime thriller based on characters from the Batman comics, following James Gordon's rise from rookie detective to police commissioner. Starring Ben McKenzie. (R)

11.25 Gotham. Detective James Gordon is on the trail of two child snatchers who are targeting the city's homeless youths. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Aircrash: Terror at Take-Off. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Lost Kingdoms of South America
8.00 Clydebuilt: The Ships That Made the Commonwealth **9.00** Beck **10.30** Do We Really Need the Moon? **11.30** Horizon Special: Beyond the Moon **12.30** Top of the Pops: 1982 **2.20** Do We Really Need the Moon? **3.20** Close

ITV2

11.20 The X Factor **1.20** The Xtra Factor Live **2.20** Ninja Warrior UK **3.25** Film: The Bachelor (1999) **5.20** Film: The Bachelor (1999) **5.20** Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) **6.20** FYI Daily **6.25** Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) **7.15** Film: Kindergarten Cop (1990) **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20** Film: Kindergarten Cop (1990) **9.30** The Xtra Factor Live **10.30** Celebrity Juice **11.20** Family Guy **12.40** American Dad! **1.35** The Cleveland Show **2.25** Mom **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.25 Film: Les Misérables (1978) **12.35** FYI Daily **12.40** Film: Les Misérables (1978) **1.55** Rosemary & Thyme **3.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.00** You're Only Young Twice **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

12.00 Film: All Quiet on the Western Front (1979) **1.00** FYI Daily **1.05** Film: All Quiet on the Western Front (1979) **3.05** Film: The Green Berets (1968) **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** Film: The Green Berets (1968) **6.00** Fishing Impossible **7.00** Fierce **8.00** Film: Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey (1991) **9.05** FYI Daily **9.10** Film: Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey (1991) **10.00** Film: A Dangerous Man (2010) **11.05** FYI Daily **11.10** Film: A Dangerous Man (2010) **11.55** Film: Manny (2014) **12.55** FYI Daily **1.00** Film: Manny (2014) **1.40** The Big Fish Off **2.35** Movies Now **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 Melissa & Joey **12.00** Baby Daddy **1.00** New Girl **1.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.10** Avatar (2009) **6.20** Seven Years in Tibet (1997) **9.00** Ted (2012) **11.05** Warm Bodies (2013) **1.00** Young Detective Dee: Rise of the Sea Dragon (2013) **3.45** Close

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CHOICE



Jenna Coleman
Victoria (ITV, 9pm)
The queen becomes pregnant, and declares that Albert will become head of state in the event of her death. The developments outrage members of the Tory party, who fear a German prince holding sway over the nation and make arrangements to disrupt his visit to the industrial north. The consort finds an unlikely ally in Sir Robert Peel, who seeks royal approval for the rapidly developing railway. At first, Victoria does not approve, but soon changes her mind when she experiences Peel's creation for herself. Jenna Coleman, Tom Hughes, Peter Bowles, Catherine Flemming, Daniela Holtz, Nell Hudson and Ferdinand Kingsley star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.40** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News. **1.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.00** Ingenious Animals. (R) **3.00** Points of View. **3.15** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** Animal Babies. **5.50** BBC News.
6.05 **Regional Programme.**
6.15 **Countryfile.** Anita Rani visits Surrey to meet local brewers who are planning to revive the region's famous white bine hops, and helps the Surrey Wildlife Trust's survey of small mammals. Adam Henson brings in the last of his wheat harvest, John Craven announces the results of the Countryfile Photographic Competition, and Tom Heap reports on efforts to halt the decline of the red squirrel. Including weather for the week ahead.
7.15 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman host the first results show of the series, and reveal which couple will be the first to leave the competition. Barry Gibb performs in the studio.
8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce returns to the gardens of the Arley Hall, Cheshire, where a selection of family treasures come under scrutiny. Among the items brought in to be valued are a portrait painted in India in the 1950s, which expert Amin Jaffer identifies as the work of an acclaimed artist whose paintings have become much sought after in recent years, while other finds include a POW's diary written while building the bridge over the River Kwai and a collection of gems once worn by a duchess.
9.00 **Poldark.** The Warleggans acquire new information that could bring about Ross's downfall. Demelza warns Ross that it is dangerous to be involved with the smugglers after a series of arrests.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.30 **Regional Programme.**
10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action.
11.50 **Film: Brooklyn's Finest.** (2009) Crime thriller, starring Richard Gere and Ethan Hawke.
1.55 Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **6.45** Gardeners' World. (R) **7.45** Countryfile. (R) **8.45** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.45** Golf: The Ryder Cup. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Reggie Yates: Touchdown USA. (R) **1.45** American Football: NFL Live. Jacksonville Jaguars v Indianapolis Colts (Kick-off 2.30pm). Coverage of the week four match from Wembley Stadium, where the AFC South rivals face each other.
6.00 **Rugby League: Super League Play-Offs.** Highlights from the latest matches, as the quest to reach the Grand Final continued.
7.00 **Ireland with Simon Reeve.** Two-part programme exploring the history of both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland and examining the rich culture and troubled past. In the first episode, Simon arrives by ferry in Co Wexford and travels along the coast to Cork, joining the thousands who try to climb the sacred mountain of Croagh Patrick. He crosses the border to visit Crom Castle and Londonderry, before journeying to the northernmost point at Malin Head. (R)
8.00 **Hunting the Nazi Gold Train.**
9.00 **Louis Theroux – Savile.**
10.15 **01 XL.** Extended edition. Suggests, Claudia O'Doherty, Jimmy Carr and Alan Davies attempt to answer host Stephen Fry's range of fiendish questions on the theme of long-lost things. (R)
11.00 **Golf: The Ryder Cup.** Hazel Irvine presents highlights of day three from the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Minnesota, where the 41st staging of the biennial contest concluded with the singles matches.
1.00 **Sign Zone: Countryfile.** Matt Baker overseas this year's One Man and His Dog contest at Florence Court, Co Fermanagh, while Anita Rani explores the history of the estate and meets the competitors' families. (R) **1.55** Holby City. Mr Thompson's sister is brought in for treatment, and soon grows suspicious that Mo is not being entirely truthful with her brother about the baby. Bernie is forced to assess her true feelings after Hanssen offers her the chance of a secondment in Ukraine – leading her to make a dramatic decision. (R) **2.55** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.15** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Sooty. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Super 4. (R) **7.20** Oddbods. (R) **7.25** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.30** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Looped. **8.30** Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Bear Grylls Survival School. **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury. (R) **11.30** Chopping Block. (R) **12.30** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** Judge Rinder. (R) **1.35** Victoria. (R) **2.35** The X Factor. (R) **4.05** Tipping Point. (R) **5.05** Doc Martin. (R)
6.05 **Regional Programme:** Weather.
6.15 **ITV News:** Weather.
6.30 **The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Katherine Ryan, George Shelley, Faye Brookes and Bobby Davro work as a team to take on quiz genius the Chaser and secure a cash prize for charity.
7.30 **The X Factor.** The conclusion of the judges' houses stage, as Simon Cowell, Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon Osbourne and Louis Walsh choose the acts they want to take through to the live shows. Dermot O'Leary is on hand to congratulate the lucky contestants and console those who fail to make the grade.
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10.05 **ITV News:** Weather.
10.20 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. (R)
11.15 **Premiership Rugby Union.** **12.10** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Volkswagen Racing Cup. **6.30** Triathlon: Long Course Weekend. **7.00** Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix Live. Coverage of the 16th round of the season (Start-time 8.00am). **10.45** Sunday Brunch. **1.45** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **2.45** The Simpsons. (R) **3.15** The Simpsons. (R) **3.50** The Simpsons. (R) **4.20** Channel 4 News. **4.50** Formula 1: Malaysian Grand Prix Replay.
7.30 **Speed with Guy Martin.** Guy tries to break the speed record for a pedal-powered boat, which requires him to travel for 100 metres at an average speed of 21 miles per hour. He enlists the help of two Olympic champions in rising to the challenge, getting some intense cycling training from Chris Hoy and advice on boat construction from Ben Ainslie, before building two specially constructed vessels in his back garden. Last in the series.
9.00 **Celebrity Island with Bear Grylls.** After more than a week, the celebrities still haven't eaten a single proper meal and Mark Jenkins thinks he can turn the group's fortunes around. His big plan is to get the islanders hunting for turkeys, but his management style puts him at odds with the others, especially Karen Danczuk, whose own leadership ambitions come to the surface. As the infighting escalates, so does everyone's growing sense of desperation.
10.00 **Gogglebox.** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)
11.05 **Film: Red Eye.** (2005) A hotelier on a flight to Miami realises a passenger she has befriended is intent on involving her in a political assassination. Thriller, with Rachel McAdams and Cillian Murphy.
12.45 **Obsessive Compulsive Country House Cleaners.** A duo cleans up Tarbert House, a Georgian manor in the west of Ireland. (R) **1.45** Grand Designs Australia. A couple from Melbourne build a new home. (R) **2.40** Food Unwrapped. (R) **3.10** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **3.20** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. Phil Spencer seeks buyers for two shabby semis in the north of England. (R) **4.15** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.10** Location, Location. (R) **5.55** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Milkshake! Monkey. **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.25** Bots the Builder. (R) **6.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.00** Pats. (R) **7.05** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.15** Pip Ahoy! (R) **7.30** Little Princess. (R) **7.45** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **8.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.00** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.25** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.30** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.00** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. **12.30** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **1.30** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **2.30** **Film: A Knight's Tale.** (2001) Medieval comedy adventure, starring Heath Ledger. **5.05** Now That's Funny!
6.05 **Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas.** A double act tries to read an audience member's mind, stand-up comic Bruce Gold performs a trick with a toaster, and an escapologist chains himself up on stage.
7.00 **Ice Road Truckers.** New series. On treacherous roads and in dangerous conditions, reigning champion Polar Industries sets out to defend its title against trucking rival Dare Ward.
7.55 **Ice Road Truckers.** As Polar Industries pushes its drivers to their limits, Art Burke takes on one of the world's longest winter roads. Plus, Todd finds himself in danger.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Film: The Expendables 2.** (2012) Mercenary leader Barney Ross is recruited by the CIA to recover a top-secret package, only to come to blows with a rival band of hired guns. Barney swears revenge when the other faction kill his protege, and leads his men on a mission to stop their enemies taking over a former Soviet nuclear facility. Action thriller sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone and Jean-Claude Van Damme.
11.05 **Film: Total Recall.** (2012) A man living in a bleak future becomes a fugitive when he discovers he is taking over a former Soviet nuclear facility. Action thriller sequel, starring Colin Farrell. Edited for flashing images.
1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 In Their Own Words: 20th Century Composers **8.00** Natural World: The Woman Who Swims with Killer Whales **9.00** Horizon: How Small is the Universe? **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** Britain's Star Men: Heroes of Astronomy **11.30** Lulu – Something to Shout About **1.00** Big Hits: TOTP 1964 to 1975 **2.30** Natural World: The Woman Who Swims with Killer Whales **3.30** Close
ITV2
1.30 The Xtra Factor Live **2.35** You've Been Framed! Gold **3.05** Film: Kangaroo Jack (2003) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10** Film: Kangaroo Jack (2003) **5.00** Film: Despicable Me (2010) **6.00** FYI Daily **6.05** Film: Despicable Me (2010) **6.50** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.55** Dating in the Dark **1.55** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
12.10 Rosemary & Thyme **1.15** Film: Columbo: Short Fuse (1972) **2.55** A Touch of Frost **5.10** Film: Carry On Again Doctor (1969) **6.15** Film: Carry On Again Doctor (1969) **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** I'll Be Alright on the Night **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.10** Wire in the Blood **2.00** Film: The Three Musketeers (1973) **3.00** FYI Daily **3.05** Film: The Three Musketeers (1973) **3.50** May the Best House Win
ITV4
12.10 Mr Bean **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Car Crash Britain **10.00** Film: Cliffhanger (1993) **11.10** FYI Daily **11.15** Film: Cliffhanger (1993) **12.15** Steve McQueen: Motorcycle Movie Star **1.15** Pawn Stars **2.10** Hell on Wheels **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
12.00 Film: Postman Pat: The Movie (2014) **1.45** The Frozen Phenomenon **2.45** The Goldbergs **5.35** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (2009) **10.05** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **11.10** Body Fixers **12.15** Rude Tube **1.20** Containment **2.20** Empire **3.50** Hollyoaks
Film4
1.00 The Parent Trap (1961) **3.45** Tea with Mussolini (1999) **6.15** The Twilight Saga: New Moon (2009) **8.50** Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children Interview Special **9.00** Lone Survivor (2013) **11.25** The Dilemma (2011) **1.40** Storage 24 (2012) **3.30** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Alex Cross, Channel 5, 11.05pm

A homicide cop pursues an ex-military assassin who has sadistically tortured and murdered a wealthy executive, leaving a surreal clue to the next victim. However, as the detective tries to bring the killing spree to an end, he finds his own family is also in the firing line. Crime thriller, starring Tyler Perry, Matthew Fox and Jean Reno. (2012)

TUESDAY

Virtual Lies, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman discovers her husband is having an affair over the internet. He is shamed into giving up the relationship and trying to save their troubled marriage, but the concerned wife soon discovers her online rival is dangerously obsessed with him and will stop at nothing to drive them apart. Thriller, starring Christina Cox and Marc Menard. (2012)

WEDNESDAY

The Good Witch's Destiny, Channel 5, 3.15pm

Cassandra Nightingale prepares to celebrate her birthday, hoping to bring as many of her friends and family together as possible. While investigating her family history, she discovers a story of a curse connected to the mysterious disappearance of her great aunt. Drama sequel, the sixth film in the Good Witch series, starring Catherine Bell. (2013)



Killer Elite, Friday, Channel 5, 10pm

THURSDAY

Crimes of the Mind, Channel 5, 3.15pm

Carolyn Raeburn signs her 16-year-old daughter Laura up for a few weeks of horse-riding lessons at a remote ranch, but the teenager ends up being brainwashed by a woman who grooms her to take the place of her own murdered child. Carolyn spends the next five years of her life and more than half a million dollars fighting to get her Laura back. Fact-based thriller, starring Christina Cox. (2014)

FRIDAY

Killer Elite, Channel 5, 10pm

A former secret agent takes on one last mission to save his mentor, but assassins are sent to stop him. Action thriller, starring Jason Statham, Clive Owen and Robert De Niro. (2011)

Series shows Sugar is still sweet on success

Yes, that's Sergei Prokofiev's haunting Danc of the Knight (aka Montagues and Capulets) you can hear coming out of your TV speakers.

So unless Sunderland AFC are making their way onto the pitch (the theme is also used on matchdays at the Stadium of Light), then The Apprentice is back.

We all know the score by now – a new batch of sycophants desperate to impress us with their business acumen and rezooms descend on the capital, all armed with their wheeled suitcases and soundbites.

Then Lord Sugar steps down from his private jet, into the back of the Roller and off to the boardroom to regale everyone with tales of how he began his own business, loaded the lorries, designed the product and stood on the production line, and now he's a peer with a private plane.

Tonight Sugar begins his latest search for a chip-off-the-old-block rough diamond to polish.

The winners of The Apprentice haven't always gone to forge long-

lasting relationships with Sir Alan, but triumphing in the show can certainly give them a leg up on the entrepreneurial ladder.

Last year's winner Joseph Valente used his prize to expand his plumbing business, and predecessor Mark Wright launched an SEO business called Climb Online.

The champ from 2013 Dr Leah Totton owns a cosmetic skin clinic and has also appeared on This Morning, while 2012's Ricky Martin owns a recruitment company.

Other notable contestants from years gone by have included Michelle Dewberry, the season two champion who continues to be a media personality, and Katie Hopkins – now one of the country's most divisive writers.

So who are the candidates that will be tasked with donning pines over their shiny suits to flog fish fingers to stockbrokers in the City this year?

Well whoever they are, you can bet Sir Alan knows which he expects to win from an early stage and the rest are dispensable.

In fairness to Sugar, at least he makes a pretence of sacking them for a reason, and not at random, which of course makes for better entertainment for us.

But although the details of the individuals is unknown at the moment, we'd expect the classic challenges to feature throughout the series – a trade show, an advertising task, some kind of test which forces Lord Sugar to talk about apps and the gruelling interview stage.

Many will also be hoping for a return of previous favourite – the shopping-channel task – so fingers crossed there. One thing that is changing, however, is the host of The Apprentice: You're Fired!

Welsh stand-up comedian Rhod Gilbert will be stepping into Jack Dee's shoes for the BBC Two spin-off and is looking forward to quizzing the rejected candidates.

Claude Littner and Karren Brady also return for the new series, with Littner apparently saying that he plans to be "a little bit more friendly" this year.



The Apprentice, Thursday, BBC1, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Raw Recruits: Squaddies at 16 Channel 5, 9pm

Joining the Army is always a life-changing decision – but when you sign up at just 16, the adjustment can be particularly challenging. This new four-part series follows 45 teens from across the country as they arrive in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, for an intensive military training course that's the only one of its kind in Europe. As well as learning to cope with 5.30AM starts, 16-hours days and being cut off from family and friends, the young recruits will also have to cope with field exercises and lessons in weapon-handling. It's also very physically demanding, and in the first episode, junior soldier Laura is feeling the pressure as she tries to overcome her fears of heights on a 40ft-high rope course.

TUESDAY

House Doctor Channel 5, 7pm

It was way back in 1998 that Channel 5's original House Doctor, Californian Ann Maurice, embarked on a mission to help British homeowners sell their properties. Her message may have been simple (most episodes involved de-cluttering, making it clear which room was which and toning down any particularly strong colour schemes), but it seems

we still need a reminder, as new doctor Tracy Metro is in the house. The revamped series began on Monday morning, but this primetime edition will give more viewers the chance to see her property prescriptions. Here, Tracy offers some of her special brand of constructive advice to Sue in Dorset, whose dated décor may be putting off potential buyers.

WEDNESDAY

The Great British Bake Off BBC1, 8pm

The six remaining bakers battle it out for a place in the quarter-finals. This time, it is dessert week, and Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins assemble the contestants for three more challenges. To begin with, the amateurs face a sweetly filled signature bake, before moving on to prepare a tricky French dessert that proves to be one of the series' toughest technical challenges to date. Finally, for the showstopper, Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry ask the bakers to produce multi-bake, mini masterpieces.



Still Game, Friday, BBC1, 9.30pm

THURSDAY

Anne Robinson's Britain BBC1, 8pm

New series. The broadcaster examines different aspects of 21st-century Britain to find out how the nation's citizens choose to live their lives, beginning with parenting. There has never been so much choice, advice and criticism on the way children should be brought up, so Anne sets out to get under the skin of some of the radically different approaches, from an attachment mother who breastfeeds her toddlers and homeschools her children, to a career mum who misses out on some of the most significant moments in her children's lives.

FRIDAY

The Gadget Show Greatest Gadgets Ever!

Channel 5, 7pm

New series. One-hour special in which Jason Bradbury, Jon Bentley, Ortis Deley and

Amy Williams attempt to compile a Top 20 list of the greatest gadgets of all time. To qualify, each has to be a physical object with an electronic element, and there has to be clear evidence that it had changed people's lives for the better. After much impassioned debate and persuasive argument between its own members, the team presents an agreed countdown that is likely to inform, entertain and infuriate viewers in equal measure.

Still Game

BBC1, 9.30pm

After a nine-year gap, Glaswegian pensioners Jack and Victor are back for a new series – and they can truly say it's by popular demand. When the sitcom's writers and stars Ford Kiernan and Greg Hemphill announced they were staging a live version of Still Game at Glasgow's SSE Hydro in 2014, the public response was so enthusiastic that the planned four-night run was expanded to 21 shows. No wonder the Beeb decided not only to revive the series but to promote it to BBC1. In the opening episode, the pensioners fall under the spell of the Futuro catalogue, which promises to 'make life that wee bit easier', leading Jack and Victor to spar over who's got the best gadget. Meanwhile, Winston experiences a rivalry of his own when his brother Walter pays a visit.

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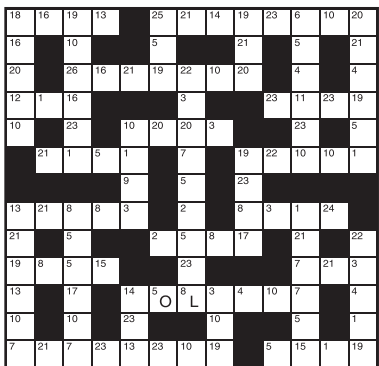
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

P	O	W	Q	G	M	I	J	Z	E	N	C	H
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

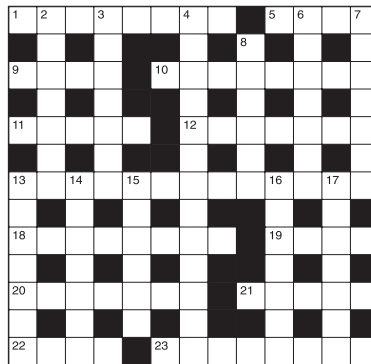
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- During the stage turn, I have to be... (8)
- ... unoccupied (being lazy) (4)
- Announce the scores as 100 each (4)
- It's execrable the defendant should be about right (8)
- Put off being freed to go out (5)
- He gives chase to ship's officer round Union Head (7)
- What anarchy might produce? (13)
- Hold back the others with wet weather (8)
- We shall shortly find water here (4)
- I belong to low order (7)
- Committed to being tied up (5)
- Engrave in sketchy fashion (4)
- Was there as an abstainer concluded (8)

Down

- Could not be closer to Eastern revolution (7)
- Assemble for prayer (7)
- No 2 is chief man in immoral racket? (4-9)
- Put side in contention (7)
- Lasts, but sure to crack at the finish (7)
- Quantities of paper used by sound groups of singers? (6)
- What the striker receives in church? (7)
- It can kill in races (7)
- No beer? get dressed! (6)
- When one can expect fresh lunacy? (3,4)
- License absence of noise (7)



Quick Clues:

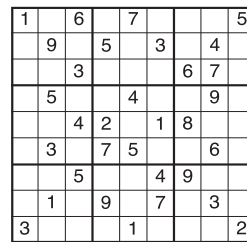
Across

- Reprove (8)
- Young whale (4)
- Dull pain (4)
- Unlearned (8)
- Smaller (5)
- Stretchable (7)
- Unconsciousness (13)
- Substantial (8)
- Sob (4)
- Alighted (7)
- Trifling (5)
- Yelps (4)
- Hated (8)

Down

- Refuse (7)
- Burdensome (7)
- Vow abstinence (4,3,6)
- Greed (7)
- Suitability (7)
- Actions (6)
- Please (7)
- Unceasing (3-4)
- Eatable (6)
- Novelty (7)
- Royal mace (7)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Thoroughly; 7 Amass; 8 Look-out; 10 Hat-trick; 11 Five; 13 Number; 15 Ring up; 17 Tact; 18 Lighters; 21 Niblick; 22 Obese; 23 Headstones. Down: 1 Toast; 2 Observes; 3 O'clock; 4 Grow; 5 Looming; 6 Washington; 9 Trespasses; 12 High-born; 14 Macabre; 16 Wickel; 19 Evans; 20 Kind. QUICK - Across: 1 Amalgamate; 7 Raise; 8 Tiltage; 10 Wayfarer; 11 Rude; 13 Impact; 15 Reject; 17 Eros; 18 Mediator; 21 Swindle; 22 Inert; 23 Repentance. Down: 1 Amity; 2 Abeyance; 3 Gather; 4 Mole; 5 Truce; 6 Brawniness; 9 Electorate; 12 Revision; 14 Provide; 16 Defect; 19 Theme; 20 Edge.

Quiz

- In which continent is the Drakensberg mountain range?
- How do we now know Brightheimstone?
- From which flower is orrisroot obtained?
- For which film did Jessica Tandy receive an Oscar at 80?
- Which king handed Parliament the Crown Estate in exchange for the civil list?
- Of which Irish province is Dublin the capital?
- With which magician was Claudia Schiffer romantically linked?
- Which is the only metal to burn in nitrogen?
- In 1919, brothers Ross and Keith Smith were the first to fly from England to where?
- What do we call the mammal Lutra lutra?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Cotswolds; 2 Kingdoms;

3 Jesse Owens; 4 Seven; 5 Nosebleed;

6 Mexico; 7 James Clavell;

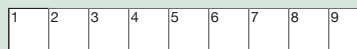
8 King Arthur; 9 Michigan; 10 Stephen.

Niner: DEMOCRATS

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

978 gives a drink,
3452 gives a fish,
57621 gives offal.



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Turkish delight as my birthday girl tucked in to this lovely fare

HAVING never been to Turkey the chance to sample some of the nation's dishes from the comfort of a restaurant nearby appealed to us as a family – so we thought we'd give Istanbul a visit.

The trip also coincided with my daughter, Annabelle's, second birthday and, luckily, as there are very few dishes, foods and flavours she doesn't like, we thought it would be nice for her to try something a bit different.

It was a Sunday afternoon, 5pm to be exact, so we thought we might have the run of the place to ourselves and, although we were the second family in, it was soon filling up. The decor at the Istanbul Restaurant in High Street, Rowley Regis was very welcoming, with the open plan-style seating.

By James Driver-Fisher

The atmosphere always seems better when there's an open kitchen too. The smell of cooking drifting throughout the restaurant was enough to get the tastebuds going but the fact we were already hungry meant we were soon ready to order.

Pictures hung from each wall depicting Turkish scenes and the music gently playing through the speakers was also local to the country, which gave the whole place an authentic feeling.

But not too over the top, the kind of place you could relax in a pair of jeans with family and friends over a few drinks while also feeling just as at home dressing up a bit.

The clientele is bound to be different on Friday and Saturday night but as a family, with a young daughter, we were made to feel very welcome.

With a Turkish beer, Efes, and a Turkish red wine ordered we chose our starters.

All the sharing platters looked very appealing, including the mix cold meze platter for two or more, with hummus, tarama, cacik, pancar salata, saksuka and sarma.

We opted for two very different starters, with my wife, Kelly, going for one of her favourites, cacik or tzatziki, which really is simplicity itself and always tastes good.

Challenge

The mixture of homemade yoghurt, cucumber, dry mint, dill, garlic and olive oil tasted really delicious. My choice was the mitite kofte, minced meat balls cooked in wine with tomato sauce. It was delicious and it all came with a bowl of flat breads to share. When it was time to order the mains, selecting a single meal each was even more of a challenge. But a decision had to be

made and in the end we went for kaburga, lamb ribs marinated with herbs, and kleftiko, a lamb shank mixed with peppers, baby carrots and baby potatoes, all cooked in a clay oven.

The children's menu also contained six dishes and we decided to try the chicken shish for my daughter, which came with salad and chips. Kelly really enjoyed her meal too and I can vouch for the flavour as I managed to steal a few mouthfuls.

The entire lamb shank just fell off the bone. Mine was a little dry for my liking – not a criticism because it came exactly as you would expect – but I asked for a side order of yoghurt just to add a bit more moisture.

We both had one more drink each, another beer and a Cosmopolitan cocktail, so when the bill came to just over £47 for the lot, we were even more impressed.



Full of flavour – kleftiko, lamb shank with peppers



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It's 7 heaven for ex-nightclub as a church



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Pastors Sandy and Liz McMeekin



The iconic former No 7s nightclub sign



The Beacon Community Church, which was the former No 7's

FROM praying for the weekend to praying on the weekend – a former Staffordshire nightclub is to become a church. The No 7s venue in Burntwood shut down last year after owners Jennifer Heath and Trevor Mansell decided to ditch the disco lights and retire on Mr Mansell's 78th birthday.

But now the Beacon Community Church group has bought the venue which is on Bridge Cross Road and is set to open the doors to its 150-strong congregation on October 1.

After buying the building for an undisclosed sum the group has ploughed around £80,000 into renovation works

ripping out all of the previous fixtures to strip away its nightclub past.

But Pastor Sandy McMeekin said had it not been for the willing efforts of volunteers the costs could have easily been double that. He said: "It has cost in the region of £80,000, the work has been done by a mixture of professional tradesman as well as volunteers."

"It has been very much a community project but without people offering their help for nothing it would have easily cost that amount again. We have completely gutted the building."

"We have converted it to an office suite, functions rooms, crèche and

worship auditorium." The iconic No 7s sign has been taken down and will be donated to the Burntwood Chase Heritage Group.

The congregation has been going for more than three decades. They spent their earlier years at the Beacon Community Church on High Street which they have since sold off. The group has moved around a lot in the last 15 years, holding most of their recent meetings at Chase Terrace Technology College.

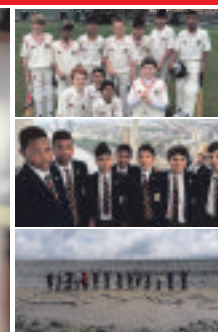
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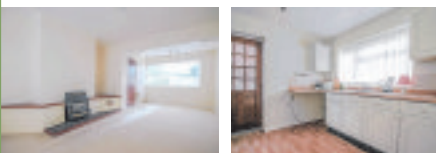
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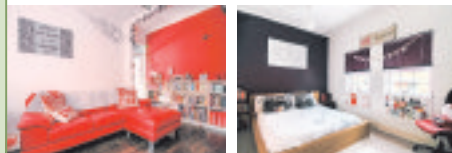
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Saturday 1st Oct 12:00pm



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●Guide Price **£65,000 PLUS**

LOT 2 **West Way Pelsall**

Saturday 1st Oct 14:00pm




Situated at the head of a quiet cul-de-sac in a popular and sought after part of Pelsall, this traditionally styled semi detached property, whilst benefiting from gas central heating and double glazing, is in need of modernisation.

●Guide Price **£100,000 PLUS**

LOT 2a **Churchill Road Bentley**

By appointment through auctioneers



Traditionally styled semi detached property set back from the road behind a creteprint driveway affording off street parking. The property has the benefit of gas fired central heating and upvc double glazing, although in need of some slight modernisation would make an ideal purchase for a first time buyer or investor.

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LOT 4 **The Old Station, Station Road Hammerwich**

By appointment through auctioneers



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●Guide Price **£480,000 PLUS**

LOT 4a **New Street Dordon**

Saturday 1st Oct 12:00pm



Having been refurbished throughout and benefiting from an extension to the rear, this traditional two bedroom mid-terrace property is certainly more spacious than first appearances would imply. The two main reception rooms have been opened up to make a substantial and impressive reception room with a re-fitted and extended kitchen off the rear and the bathroom has been re-fitted upstairs. The area proves popular with purchasers wanting access to a range of amenities including nearby local shops together with highly regarded local schools. Commuters are extremely well catered for with immediate access to the A5 trunk road offering fast onward journeys to the Midland motorway network.

●Guide Price **£88,000 PLUS**

LOT 5 **Highgate Road Walsall**

Saturday 1st Oct 10:00am




Situated on the border of Highgate and Caldmore this traditionally styled Victorian mid terraced property offers spacious well planned accommodation with in need of complete modernisation and improvement. Making an ideal purchase for a builder or investor the property is conveniently located with all amenities close at hand.

●Guide Price **£100,000 PLUS**

LOT 5a **Church Street Bromyard**

Wednesday 5th October 12:00pm



Occupying a prime location in the picturesque village of Bromyard, this Grade II listed cottage is in a state of semi refurbishment. Considerable works are required to bring it into a habitable state but the project offers a tremendous opportunity for a would be property developer or home owner. With the well planned accommodation over three floors and superb views to the rear.

●Guide Price **£150,000 PLUS**

LOT 6 **Cornwall Road Handsworth**

Thursday 29th Sept 4pm



A spacious mid terraced property situated in a popular residential location. Offering scope for quick enhancement and improvement, with potential to also reconfigure and convert the floorplan layout. Ground Floor Porch, Reception Room One 4.13m max x 3.46m max, Reception Room Two 3.46m max x 3.63m, Fitted Kitchen 2.74m x 2.74m, Utility 1.98m x 1.94m, Downstairs W.C. 1.10m x 0.81m. First Floor Bedroom One 3.67m x 3.47m max, Bedroom Two 3.66m x 2.54m, Family Bathroom 2.75m x 1.92m Outside Rear Garden

●Guide Price **£80,000 PLUS**

LOT 7 **Charlotte Street Walsall**

Saturday 1st Oct 12:30pm




This three bedroom end terraced property is in need of modernisation. The property is situated in a popular residential area less than a mile from Walsall town centre. This makes this property a great opportunity for an investor or first time buyer. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Front entrance leads to lounge with bay window to front (4.2m x 3.5m), Reception Room (3.7m x 3.1m), Dining Room (3.5m x 2.3m) and Kitchen with rear door giving access to garden (3.7m x 2.3m). First Floor Stairs lead to the rear bedroom one (3.1m x 2.6m), Bathroom, Bedroom two and Bedroom three (4.6m x 3.7m). Outside At the rear of the property there is a garden.

●Guide Price **£135,000 PLUS**

LOT 8 **Grange Drive Sutton Coldfield**

By appointment through auctioneers



A spacious, second floor (penthouse) apartment in this superbly situated modern development ideal for the investor which is let on an Assured Shorthold Tenancy at £695.00 PCM. With open plan living area/ fitted kitchen with built in appliances the property enjoys double glazing and needs to be viewed to appreciate.

●Guide Price **£130,000 PLUS**

LOT 9 **Bridge Street Walsall**

By appointment through auctioneers



Situated in the heart of Walsall town centre this mid terraced four storey grade II listed building is ideally located and offers great potential for an investor. The building has potential to have two commercial units on the ground floor as well as possibly converting the other three storeys into residential. (Subject to planning) With all amenities close at hand the building comprises: Ground Floor Front Door leads to open floor space/ shop front with large windows facing onto Bridge Street First Floor Stairs lead to small hallway with W.C. Kitchen (4.3m x 3.3m) and a Large office space (11.4m x 7.4m) Second Floor Large office Space (11.6m x 7.4m) Third Floor Large office space with fire door at the rear (11.6m x 7.6m).

●Guide Price **£160,000 PLUS**

LOT 10 **Countess Street Walsall**

Saturday 1st Oct 10:30am




This two bedroom terraced property is in need of modernisation. The property is situated in a popular residential area with both Puffery junior and infant schools a short walk away. Therefore this property is ideally suited towards an investor and with all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Front reception room with window to front (3.8m x 3.8m), Second reception room (3.8m x 3.3m), Kitchen with back door providing access to garden (3m x 2.3m), First Floor Bedroom 1 with window to front (3.8m x 3.8m), Bedroom 2 (3.1m x 2.8m), Bathroom (3.4m x 2.2m) Outside At the rear of the property there is a garden.

●Guide Price **£73,000 PLUS**

LOT 10a **Coppice Street Tipton**

By appointment through Auctioneers



A spacious two bedroom semi detached house in this quiet location near to the canals with shops and amenities close at hand. The property requires modernisation but would be a great investment for buy to let investor or first time buyer.

●Guide Price **£65,000 PLUS**

LOT 11 **Lincoln Road Walsall**

By appointment through auctioneers




Situated in the heart of Chuckery, this substantial detached family home needs to be viewed internally to be appreciated. Offering scope for further improvement the property is conveniently located close to Walsall town centre with good access to amenities and schools. With the benefit of gas central heating and double glazing.

●Guide Price **£165,000 PLUS**

LOT 11a **Yew Tree House, Drummery Lane Telford**

By appointment through auctioneers




Auction House Birmingham are delighted to offer for sale this unique opportunity to purchase two residential dwellings set in rural Shropshire affording views of the Wrekin and open farmland. This lot lends itself to a number of buyers particularly a family looking for annex accommodation ideal for elderly parents, teenagers or office. Internal Viewing is recommended.

●Guide Price **£410,000**

LOT 13 **Earl Street Walsall**

By appointment through auctioneers



Conveniently located in a sought after area of Walsall, this traditionally styled mid terraced property offers spacious, well planned living accommodation which benefits from gas fired central heating and double glazing. The property would make an ideal purchase for a family or investor.

●Guide Price **£123,000 PLUS**

LOT 14 **Gravelly Lane Erdington**

By appointment through auctioneers



Situated close to the heart of Erdington and close to Railway Station, this semi detached property lends itself to a number of uses. Ideal as a buy-to-let with potential for HMO or as an individual residence, the property offers well planned spacious living accommodation with scope for further improvement. With double glazing and gas central heating.

●Guide Price **£135,000 PLUS**

LOT 15 **Reeves Street Bloxwich**

Saturday 1st Oct 13:15pm



Situated close to Bloxwich Town Centre this traditionally styled semi detached property is set on a prominent corner plot with off street parking and offers itself for the potential of substantial extensions to the side elevation. In need of complete modernisation and improvement.

●Guide Price **£65,000 PLUS**

LOT 16 **Alexandra Road Walsall**

Saturday 1st Oct 11:00am



Occupying a convenient and sought after location just off Broadway West, this traditionally styled semi detached property has double glazing but is in need of full modernisation. With the additional benefit of rear parking off Tame Close.

●Guide Price **£82,000 PLUS**

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- Lounge
- Dining Room
- EPC - D, Downstairs wc

OFFERS AROUND: **£300,000**
Viewing:

Moseley Road
Willenhall



- Traditional 3 bedroom detached house
- Entrance porch and hallway
- Dining room
- Lounge/diner

OFFERS AROUND: **£170,000**
Viewing:

Fordbrook Lane
Walsall



- Extended Three Bedroom Semi
- Large Lounge With Dining Area
- Fitted Kitchen
- EPC - D, Large Utility

OFFERS AROUND: **£170,000**
Viewing:

Little Island Drive
Willenhall



- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Large Lounge & Kitchen
- Modern Kitchen
- EPC - TBA, Two Double Bedrooms

OFFERS AROUND: **£155,000**
Viewing:

Martin Drive
Willenhall



- 3 Bedroom semi detached house
- 3 Double bedrooms
- Good size bathroom
- EPC - D, Modern kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£145,000**
Viewing:

Tarn Close
Wolverhampton



- BRAND NEW BUILD!
- NO CHAIN
- Two Bedroom Terraced Home
- EPC - TBA, Lounge/Diner

OFFERS AROUND: **£120,000**
Viewing:

Tyler Road
Willenhall



- Three/Four Bed Family Home
- Lounge
- Modern Kitchen Diner
- EPC - TBA, Downstairs Bedroom And Wet Room

OFFERS AROUND: **£105,000**
Viewing:

Arnhem Road
Willenhall



- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Porch and Entrance Hallway
- EPC Rating - C, Downstairs wc

OFFERS AROUND: **£90,000**
Viewing:

Stubby Lane
Wolverhampton



- Two bedrooms, ground floor Apartment
- Poplar, Birmingham area
- Modern Kitchen
- EPC - D, Large Lounge/Diner

OFFERS AROUND: **£80,000**
Viewing:

Rudge Avenue
Wolverhampton



- THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME
- LARGE REAR GARDEN
- BREAKFAST ROOM
- EPC - TBA, THREE BEDROOMS

OFFERS AROUND: **£75,000**
Viewing:

John Street
Wolverhampton



- Refurbishment required
- 3 Bedroom end terrace house
- Lounge
- Dining room

OFFERS AROUND: **£80,000**
Viewing:

Jenkins Close
Bilston



- 3 Bedroom duplex apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: **£64,950**
Viewing:

Constantine Way
Bilston



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Best Road
Bilston



- 3 Bedroom semi detached house
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: **£120,000**
Viewing:

Lilac Road
Wolverhampton



- 3 Bedroom Extended Semi Detached Home
- 2 Reception rooms
- Modern kitchen
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£136,950**
Viewing:

Steven Drive
Bilston



- 1 Bedroom property
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: **£70,000**
Viewing:

Wallace Road
Bilston



- 4 Bedroom end terrace
- No upward chain
- Refurbishment required
- Lounge/diner

Viewing



- Kitchen
- Shower room
- Block paved driveway, Entrance hallway

OFFERS AROUND: **£85,000**

Great Bridge Road
Bilston



- 3 Bedroom semi detached house
- No upward chain
- Lounge
- Dining room

OFFERS AROUND: **£115,000**
Viewing:

Fraser Street
Bilston



- 3 Bedroom terraced house
- Modern kitchen
- Modern bathroom
- 2 Reception rooms

OFFERS AROUND: **£77,000**
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29 PATRICIA CRESCENT, WOODSETTON

On a prominent and large corner plot.
Gas CH., majority Double Glazing, Canopy Porch, Hall, Two Reception,
Kitchen, Store, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, W.C.,
Large outdoor Store with light and power. EPC: D64

Guide: £88,000 / £93,000

VIEWING
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER & 1st OCTOBER @ 11.30 a.m.



37 THE LINDENS, NEWBRIDGE, WOLVERHAMPTON

An immaculately presented First Floor Flat recently modernised to a high standard.
Impressive Kitchen, Lounge with lovely rear outlook, Two Bedrooms, smart up-to-date Shower Room with white fittings
Garage. EPC: E.48

£48,000 / £53,000

VIEWING
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4 WAITE ROAD, WILLENHALL

Ripe for modernisation – within an established residential area
Three Bed Semi., Bathroom, Hall, Two Reception, Kitchen,
Lobby, WC., Coals, part Gas CH. EPC:E53

Guide: £62,000 / £68,000

VIEWING
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER & 1st OCTOBER @ 10.00 a.m.



4 CHURCHFIELD AVENUE, TIPTON

Spacious Ground Floor Flat now needing upgrade.

Communal Hall, private Hall, Lounge,
Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, WC
Gas CH., Parking. EPC: E52

Guide: £27,000 / £30,000

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FLAT 2, CHAPEL COURT, CHAPEL STREET, PENSNETT (access via main entrance r/o St. James' Church Hall)

Ground Floor Flat within a convenient location
Private Hallway with entry 'phone, large light Lounge,
Kitchen, Bathroom, large Double Bedroom, private parking. EPC: D.56

Guide: £48,000 / £53,000

VIEWING
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FOX'S LANE, WOLVERHAMPTON

Near City Centre – an enclosed area of Land with 75ft.(approx) frontage.

Double entrance gates to Fox's Lane – understood to comprise 0.08 acre (approx).

Recently used with an Operator's Licence for HGV's

Guide: £15,000 / £20,000

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3 Bedroom Detached Property
Guide: £195,000 - £225,000



19 Prince Street, Dudley
2 Bedroom Mid Terraced Property
Guide: £60,000 - £65,000



75 Pinfold Lane, Wolverhampton
3 Bedroom Semi Detached Property
Guide: £150,000 plus



33a Lawnside Green, Bilston
1 Bed Ground Floor Flat
Guide: £44,000 - £48,000



50 Lewis Street, Great Bridge
3 Bedroom End Terraced House
Guide: £45,000 plus



29 Leys Road, Brierly Hill
2 Bedroom End Terraced Property
Guide: £50,000 - £55,000



3 Chapel Walk, Dudley
3 Bedroom Semi Detached Property
Guide: £75,000 plus



57 Hurstbourne Cres., Wolverhampton
4 Bedroom Dormer Bungalow
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SANSTONE ROAD, BLOXWICH

- Spacious detached property located near to Bloxwich Golf Course
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Gas central heating
- Upvc double glazed windows
- Off Road Parking for several vehicles
- No Onward Chain
- Viewing Recommended



£325,000 OFFERS



MONMOUTH ROAD BENTLEY

- Superb Extended Bungalow
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Exceptional Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- Block Paved Driveway



£175,000



HARVEST GROVE, BLOXWICH WALSALL

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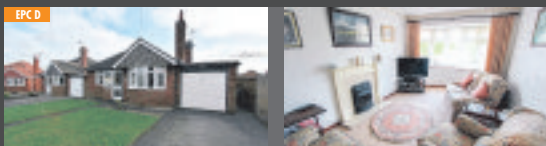


STIRLING CRESCENT SUMMER HAYES

- Modern Link Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen

- Rear Gardens
- Majority Double Glazing
- Driveway
- Re-Fitted Shower Room

£175,000



WALLINGTON CLOSE, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- TRADITIONAL DETACHED BUNGALOW
- CUL-DE-SAC POSITION
- TWO BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING

- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- GARAGE
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£215,000 OFFERS

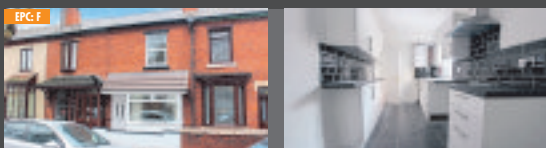


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- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen

- Garage
- Driveway
- Gardens
- Gas Central Heating

OFFERS OVER £130,000



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- RE-FITTED BATHROOM AND SHOWER ROOM

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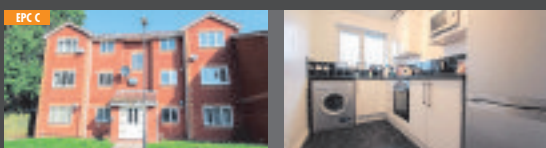


MORRIS AVENUE BENTLEY

- Extended Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room

- Impressive Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Pleasant Rear Gardens
- Bathroom

OFFERS OVER £135,000

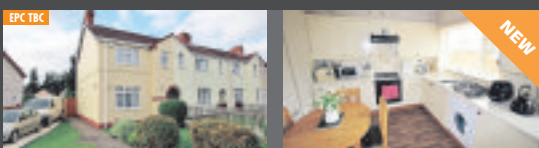


SIGNAL GROVE, BLOXWICH WALSALL

- 2ND FLOOR APARTMENT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- RE-FITTED KITCHEN AND BATHROOM
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS

- ALLOCATED PARKING SPACE
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED
- NEAR TO BLOXWICH RAILWAY STATION
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY

£69,950



ASTON ROAD WILLENHALL

- Well Presented End Terrace
- Spacious Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Good Size Bedrooms

- Large Driveway
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

£110,000



EAGLEWORKS DRIVE WALSALL

- 50% SHARED OWNERSHIP PROPERTY
- MODERN GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING

- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- ALLOCATED PARKING
- COMMUNAL GARDENS
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£45,000 OFFERS 50% CO OWNERSHIP



FARMHOUSE WAY WILLENHALL

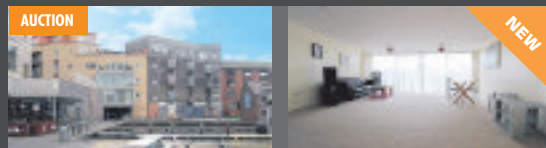
- Mid Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen

- Bathroom
- Rear Gardens
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- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

GUIDE PRICE £100,000

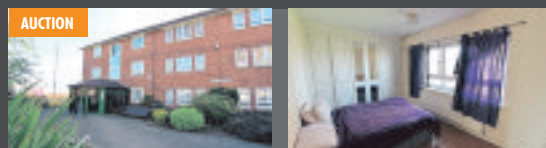


BRERETON ROAD WILLENHALL

- Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom

- Kitchen
- Garage & Gardens
- AUCTION PROPERTY
- Reservation Fee Payable

AUCTION GUIDE PRICE £90,000



BURROWES STREET WALSALL

- AUCTION PROPERTY
- SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING

- CONVENIENT FOR WALSALL TOWN CENTRE
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED
-

Guide Price £55,000



LOWBRIDGE CLOSE, OFF STROUD AV WILLENHALL

- Greatly Improved Mid Terrace
- 20ft Lounge
- Spacious Dining Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom

- Black Paved Driveway
- Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

OFFERS OVER £110,000



KINGFISHER CT, CLARKES LANE WILLENHALL

- Ground Floor Flat
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- Lounge
- Kitchen

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SHORT HEATH



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KNIGHTSBRIDGE LANE, W-HALL
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CLARKES LANE, WILLENHALL
Three Bed Semi Detached Having Entrance Porch, Hallway, Through Lounge/Diner, Extended Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Utility Area And Ground Floor Family Shower Room With W.C. G/ CH D/G & Off Road Parking

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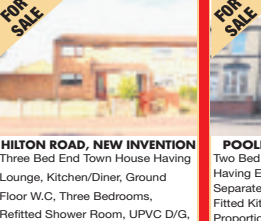
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SNAPE ROAD, WEDNESFIELD
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WILLENHALL



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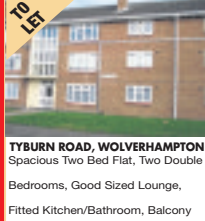
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Baggies head coach Tony Pulis points the way from the sidelines



Hard graft key as Pulis reaches grand milestone

SPORTING FEATURE

By Matt Wilson

'OUT of all the family, I was the lucky one, I was the one that got out, so I don't regret anything and I don't want for anything.'

Last Saturday was a landmark one for Albion head coach Tony Pulis as he marked his 1,000th game in management after 24 years at the coalface.

And although he's divided opinion among supporters for the majority of that time, he's also climbed up the divisions to become one of the most recognisable characters in British football.

It's been a long journey from humble beginnings in Pill-gwenly, South Wales.

"There were eight of us living in a three-bedroom terraced house, and if mum ran out of milk she would go next door and the neighbour would give her a bottle of milk," he reminisces.

"That would happen through the street, through the area, everybody helped everybody.

"I remember the miners' strike in the early 70s, nobody could get coal, or this or that, and people went round houses. If people were short, people would look after them."

That community spirit has stuck with Pulis ever since, and it shines through in his football ethos.

The 58-year-old has witnessed many changes in the game over the past quarter of a century, but there are some constants, like teamwork and hard graft.

Reputation

"I have always instilled – which is so important to me as a manager of people – the DNA get on together," he said. "Everyone was prepared to work together, and everyone either won or lost together."

The former Stoke boss is well aware of his reputation, and the lazy pundits who label his tactics 'anti-football'.

Modern Premier League football is a pantomime, with heroes and villains, and it's all too easy to cast Pulis as the latter because of his 'agricultural' approach.

But if it was that simple then surely the coach who's never been relegated would have been found out by now.

"People say about me and my style of play," he says. "I tell you what I do, I go into football clubs, try and find out

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what systems suit those players and try to get the damnedest out of the players. That's what I've done everywhere I've been.

"If I've got a load of centre-halves who can't pass, you don't want them to pass out from the back. You have to look at the strengths and work around that."

Is it irritating though, being one of the longest-serving managers in British football, but saddled with such a one-dimensional reputation?

"That is life, you get pigeon-holed and you accept it or you fight it. I have accepted it, that is what people think. There is enough people out there that see it differently."

Although he's quick to point out how lucky he's been, there is a slight annoyance that he's never been given the best squad, in any division.

Gillingham, Portsmouth, Plymouth; they were all struggling when he took charge, and he left all three in a better position. The same can be argued for Stoke and Crystal Palace.

One day, he'd love 'the opportunity of working with real quality'. "The basic principles would remain," he assures. "But you'd give them more leeway to express themselves and make decisions themselves."

The closest he ever came to that was at Palace, when the style evolved into something more exciting, more entertaining. "Palace is an ideal scenario," he said. "When I went

there, the players and the team were all over the place. We managed to get some players in during the window. But during that early time the biggest thing was finding a way to win."

There have also been some memorable scraps. He refused to go into detail about specific incidents – like the infamous naked head-butt on striker James Beattie – but he did say: "If someone has been top cock, I've knocked him down. Some respond, some don't. As Cloughie used to say, there's no room for two big heads in this club."

But football has changed since the days of Brian Clough. There are no more dressing room brawls, no more pinning players against the wall.

"There was a time and place for that, but that was years ago," said Pulis. "There are times when I still lose my temper and go after one or two players but it would never come to that. You couldn't do it."

Money has changed the dynamics of football, and not necessarily for the better. Pulis says players are 'film stars' now, paid extortionate amounts of cash far too young, and it is detrimental to their development as people.

Money

His solution? A day working in the local industry to bring them back down to earth.

"One day at Stoke we took them to the pots," he said. "Show them what kids will have to do when they leave school rather than playing football, being given 30 pairs of boots, being paid a lot of money. They need a reality check."

Although it's been nearly a quarter of a century in various hot seats, Pulis has no plans of retiring any time soon, there's plenty more petrol left in the tank.

The passion still burns away inside, and the defeats still hurt as much.

"I've got a little room which I just go in," he revealed. "There is a just a television in there and my wife brings my food and a glass of wine. Then she leaves me till the next morning."

But the fiery coach has mellowed with age, thanks in part to the arrival of grandchildren. "They are lovely, they bring you back down to earth."



The former Gillingham, Portsmouth, Plymouth and Crystal Palace boss has reached the 1,000 game landmark



Pulis on his appointment as Baggies boss in January 2015

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Pulis points to milestone of 1,000 games as coach

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Holt secures area title like his father

PAUL Holt followed in his father's footsteps and secured the Midlands Area Super Featherweight title with an explosive stoppage of Louis Fielding on Saturday evening.

The title clash was top of the bill on Black Country Boxing's 'High Stakes' show, sponsored by Grosvenor Casino Walsall, at Walsall Town Hall. Brummie Holt ended the fight prematurely as Tamworth's Fielding was put on the canvas and referee, Shaun Messer, decided to call it off in the sixth. Holt gave Fielding a taster of what was to come in the first round with a solid left hook to the body which left the Tamworth fighter covering up. Fielding had the reach but couldn't throw any meaningful jabs.

With three rounds down Holt was doing the smarter work. He caught Fielding with a powerful overhead left. Fielding's replies were clumsy swinging hooks which missed their target. Holt enjoyed a massive fifth round which was to be the beginning of the end. He came inside with stinging shots to the body before going upstairs and landing flush with combinations.

Manny Zaber moved one step closer to a bout with rival Les Byfield as he got the better of veteran Kristian Laight with a 40-36 points decision. 'Pac Man' struggled to break down Laight who was competing in his 24th professional fight. 'Mr Reliable' slipped well and reduced Zaber to mostly scuffling punches but Laight didn't throw enough back to have a say in a one sided contest for Zaber.

Similarly Josh Burke failed to break through Rolandas Cesna's solid defence as he laboured to a points victory over the Lithuanian. Most of the 30-year-old's shots were blocked but Wolverhampton's Burke received little back as he did just enough to get the win.

Dramatic finish sees Wood get to first round proper

Walsall Wood 2 Pegasus Juniors 0
FA Vase Second Qualifying Round
WOOD struggled to see off the West Midland Premier side, but progressed to the first round proper on October 22.

It took until the last five minutes for Wood to break the deadlock, Drew Aiton collecting Luke Adams' crossfield pass to score for the fifth game in a row.

Right on 90 minutes Harry Harris raced onto a ball right of centre, his cross beyond the far post fired in first time by Nick Wright. Keeper Nathan Phillips pushed the ball onto the bar, but it bounced down and off a defender before rolling over his own line.

Ashton Utd 1 Rushall Olympic 2
Rushall Olympic returned to winning ways in the Evo-Stik Premier.

The home side took a first-half lead with the first effort on goal. As the Pies started to get into their stride, the equaliser duly arrived on 26 minutes when Joel Kettle found the net with a sweet strike from distance. The Pies went in front 10 minutes from the interval when Alex Reid broke into the area and fired in a low strike from the left.

Red letter day for boxing legend Gray



Award, Ron Gray, left

ONE of the ambassadors of Midlands boxing, Cannock's Ron Gray admits boxing is still 'in his blood' after being honoured with a lifetime achievement award for his services to the sport.

Gray was selected to receive a Manager-Promoter accolade and enter the British Ex-Boxers Association's Hall of Fame, writes *Craig Birch*. Some of 24 out of the 26 regional EBAs in Britain contributed by picking their choices for the ceremony which took place in Hastings, East Sussex.

A crowd of 300 people attended the

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awards luncheon at the Azur, Marina Pavilion, with guests including former world champions Alan Minter and Frank Bruno. Gray was one of three picked for the gong, alongside Paddy Byrne and the late Andy Smith.

The former fighter, matchmaker, manager and promoter has been involved in boxing for nearly 60 years, after first taking up the sport aged 15. The 74-year-old was picked ahead of Frank

Warren to receive the achievement and felt humbled by the experience.

He said: "To be voted for by all of these associations is something I find really touching. I've been hit before, but this one really bowled me over!"

The 74-year-old turned pro as a heavy-weight aged 16, fighting 46 bouts. He won 20, with 11 stoppages among his victories. He lost 24 times (11 TKO) and drew twice. The Midlands title challenger debuted in 1958 and called time in 1967, before beginning to stage his own shows.

WELL-EARNED AWAY POINT

A SOLID away point, an unbeaten run extended and – most importantly – another step in the right direction.

Jon Whitney's Walsall showed their understanding and cohesion are continuing to improve with a well-earned draw at Peterborough.

The Saddlers boss said before kick-off this would be a game for the neutrals. And so it proved as two footballing sides produced a fine advert for League One.

Whitney is a manager who has gone on record to state how much belief he has in this group of players. And that confidence was underlined here when he lined up his charges in a diamond formation so they could go toe-to-toe with Grant McCann's side. Key to that decision was the availability of Florent Cuvelier, who was thrown straight back into the starting XI after a month out with an ankle knock.

Delivery

After an opening 20 minutes in which both teams showed their intent to get the ball down and play, Cuvelier showed his quality with a wonderful right-wing cross that Simeon Jackson converted to put the Saddlers ahead.

It was a lead Walsall's bright start deserved. But from that point, Posh's game plan took hold – with Whitney's men allowed to have the ball in a bid to hit them on the counter. It was a risky strategy, especially with the quality Walsall possess in midfield with Kieron Morris and Erhun Oztumer.

In Chris Forrester though, Posh have an expert at breaking up play. While in George Moncur and Gwion Edwards, they have two creative players who don't shirk their defensive duties.

It meant Morris and Oztumer were shackled. It also ensured McCann's side took just 10 minutes to pull level.

After an entertaining first half, the game was more cagey after the interval. Posh had their moments, with Tom Nichols producing a smart save from Etheridge and Deon Moore heading wide when well placed. But it was the Saddlers who created the best chance, with Scott Laird rattling the inside of the post with a fierce drive.



Midfielder Issiah Osbourne on the ball, under pressure at the ABAX Stadium

Game of two halves for visitors Khalsa

Alvechurch 2 Sporting Khalsa 2
IT was the archetypal game of two halves at Lye Meadow.

In a frantic and intense affair, Khalsa dragged themselves back from two goals down to a position where, but for the dismissal of Craig Bannister with 25 minutes to go, they would

have felt confident of going on to win.

When Joe Rogers was deemed to have brought down Dan Dubidat, Alvechurch earned themselves a penalty, enabling Josh March to step up and smash home, with another March goal on 11 minutes.

But the visitors made an

unlikely bit of ground back on their hosts just before the break when Dave Meese and Shearer exchanged passes in the box, allowing Shearer to score.

After 16 frenetic minutes of second half action, Khalsa equalised when Dave Meese headed home a Tim Jackson free kick.

Earlsdon dash hopes of progress

Earlsdon 26 Walsall 19

WALSALL'S hopes of a good run in the National Cup were dashed by a competitive Earlsdon team.

The first half was a rather forgettable period for the visitors. They committed errors that the hosts quickly punished.

Flanker Chare scored their first after pouncing on the ball after a charged down kick. Callum McCloskey added to Earlsdon's tally with a brace of touch-downs. The visitors did show some of their potential as they linked together well before winger Jordan Lay helped create a try for Crowhurst.

The second half saw Walsall have far more control of the game. Although they managed to score two more tries, they failed to utilise their position. They reduced the deficit just after the interval as Lay and Fitzgerald made the initial bursts before Simon Weaver broke through for the try.

But, crucially, the hosts hit back within 10 minutes as Coates broke through some hesitant defending by Walsall. Mike Moore put over his third conversion of the day to give his team a 26 – 12 lead. Walsall looked to be the strongest team during the final quarter.

They had another score as they kept possession before scrum half Connor Pitt swept out a long pass to Fitzgerald which saw him canter over. Mitch Carless put over his second conversion to complete the scoring for his team. He could easily have had further attempts as Lay was bundled into touch in goal and forward drives were adjudged to be unsuccessful. But the hosts hung on.

It's back to league action this Saturday for Walsall, as they look to maintain their unbeaten run when Kidderminster visit Delves Road.

Walsall 2nds suffered a heavy defeat in their league game at Burton. Walsall 3rds had an entertaining game with Wednesbury 2nds. Eventually winning 36-27.

Bowls club enjoys successful season

BLOXWICH Bowling Club have ended their season in a very successful manner. The Lichfield league team won division four whilst the Darlaston league side did the double by winning division one and the League Cup.

Club member Bill Allen organised an end of season charity competition which raised £250. This will be presented to The Acorns Children's Hospice.

New members are always welcome and should contact the club secretary Barry Waddison on 01922 685569 for further details.

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